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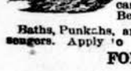

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 9th, to SATURDAY, the 18th April, 1896, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
For the Framjee Petit Spinning and Mfg. Co., Ld.,
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Bombay, 9th April, 1896.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT, BOMBAY.
No. 185 of 1895.
RE. JEPAL SEJPAL, an adjudged Insolvent.

WHEREAS the Joint Petition of SHREEDHAM GOPINATH, PURSHOTUMLAL GOPINATH, RAMCHANDER GOPINATH, RAMSAG RAMGOPAL, MUKANDILAL GOCULCHAND, and TRIMBHUKLAL JAMNADAS carrying on business in the name of SHRIDHAM and Company, KHETSI PUNJA, and HIRJEE PUNJA carrying on business in the name of PUNJA VASANJEE, the Petitioning Creditors of the abovenamed Insolvent verified by the declaration of the said Shridham Gopinath and Khetsi Punja was filed in this Honourable Court on this day, and whereas the said Jepal Sejpalhas been this day duly adjudged to have committed an act of Insolvency under the Provisions of Section nine of the Act Eleven and Twelve, Victoria, Chapter twenty-one. It is ordered that all the real and personal estate and effects of the said Insolvent be vested in the Official Assignee of this Honourable Court. And it is further ordered that the said Insolvent do within thirty days from the date hereof file a Schedule in this Honourable Court in the form in Schedule C. to the said Act annexed containing the statement of his debts, estate and effects. Dated this eighth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.
C. W. L. JACKSON,
Clerk of the Court.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. LIMJI NOWROJEE BANAJEE as Special Commissioner has contracted and agreed to SELL to Mr. HAJEE BADROODIN BIN HAJI ALLA JUTEE, All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Musjid Lane without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 397 39 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on or towards the East by the house of Camroodin Samsoodin Areker, on or towards the West by the house of Memon Noor Mahomed Esmail, on or towards the North by the Sweepers passage or gully and on or towards the South by the Musjid Lane aforesaid and which said piece of land is registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue for Quit and Ground Rent under Collector's old Nos. 119-120, New No. 7430, old Survey No. 1645, and New Survey No. 965, and which said house and premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward C No. 6356, Street No. 81 to 85, and were formerly and are now in the occupation of Mahomed Esmail bin Baloo Moya Panwelker and others. All persons having or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property or any part thereof, by way of sale, inheritance, mortgage, gift, trust, lien, incumbrance, lease or otherwise are hereby required to make the same known to the Undersigned at their Office, No. 30, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the said purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims, and the same, if any, will be considered as having been waived.—Dated this 8th day of April, 1896.
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THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at its Registered Office, No. 15, Bank Street, Fort, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of April, 1896, at 5 o'clock P.M.
To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance-Sheet made up to 31st December, 1895.
To declare a Dividend and to transact such other business as may be brought before the Meeting.
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1.—To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance-Sheet for the year ending 31st December 1895.
2.—To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3.—To elect Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation.
4.—To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year, and fix their remuneration.
5.—To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.
By Order of the Board,
CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM & Co.,
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Bombay, 17th March, 1896.
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Capital paid-up	Rs.	24,45,110 0 0
Reserves and Rest	„	10,79,540 12 8
Deposits	„	97,19,934 10 5
Bankers Balances	„	11,749 2 8
Bills and Acceptances	„	7,17,548 0 5
Sundries	„	1 13,066 2 11
Total	Rs.	1,40,86,549 13

ASSETS.

Cash	Rs.	9,18,989 10 2
Government and other Authorised Securities	„	4,86,145 9 4
Loans, Bills, Advances	„	1,19 08,402 9 4
Properties, Dead Stock	„	1,93,130 15 2
Bills, Contra, Sundries	„	5,79,901 1 1
Total	Rs.	1,40,86,549 13 1

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TO-DAY.

Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.
Brittannia Mills, Apollo Street, 2 p.m.
Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Company, Tamarind Lane, 3 p.m.
Currimbhoy Mills Company, Hornby Road, 4 p.m.
Victoria Manufacturing Company, Hornby Road, not 4 p.m.
I. M. S. Clive arrives from Karachi.
Tivoli Theatre: Hudson's Surprise Party, 9 p.m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Raventhaler entered the dock on Tuesday, and the steamers Caspian and Okara yesterday; the steamer Golden Cross left it on Tuesday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Natal entered the dock on Tuesday, and the steamers Brindisi and Hydaspes yesterday; the steamers Algeria and Marea left it on Tuesday.

THEFT AT FRERE ROAD.—Mr. M. Yusub, residing at Frere Road, has reported to the police the theft of cash and precious stones, of the collective value of Rs. 250, from his room during Monday night.

VELIBAI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—At this dispensary established in Panchwati, Nasick, 4,744 patients were treated during the month of March last, among whom 2,503 were males, 1,014 females, and 1,167 children. Sixty-two minor cases of surgical operations and of extracting teeth were performed during this period.

BOMBAY GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.—The tenth annual general meeting of the Bombay Graduates' Association will be held on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 5 p.m., at the Novelty Theatre, when Professor G. K. Gokhale, B.A., of the Fergusson College, will deliver an address. The HON. Mr. P. M. Mehta, C.I.E., will preside.

ROUND THE WORLD ON FOOT.—Last evening, at the Cercle Litteraire, M. Henri Gilbert, a Breton, who is travelling around the world on foot, gave a brief resume of his journey up to now, which carried him through Spain, Algiers, Tunis, Syria, and Mesapotamia to Bagdad and thence by sea to Karachi and Bombay. Signor, Pedraza presided.

A RASH ACT.—Makan Gosal, a Hindu coachman, was yesterday, brought up before Mr. W. Webb, at the Esplanade Police Court, and charged, at the Instance of Inspector Jolliffe, with causing the death of Ebrahim, a Mahomedan, at Bhendy Bazaar, under circumstances already reported in these columns. The hearing of the case was postponed, and the accused was enlarged on bail.

FATALITY IN THE HARBOUR.—Dhatoo Ramji tindal of prow No. 3,030, has reported to the police that, about 7 o'clock, on Monday evening, while his prow was lying off Cross Island, the crew were engaged in furling the sail, when the rope with which the yard was fastened to the mast broke, and two of the men were thrown into the sea. One of them was picked up, but the other, whose name was Cassiram Sukhia, aged twenty, never rose to the surface of the water, and was drowned.

DEATH FROM EXCESSIVE DRINKING.—An inquiry, was held, yesterday, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, on view of the body of Amroota Shripathy, aged thirty years. The deceased was addicted to drink, squandered all his earnings in liquor. On Tuesday he was found lying dead drunk in his house, and was removed by the police to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he died shortly after admission. A verdict of death from excessive drinking was recorded.

ARRIVAL OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—His Highness the Maharaja of Sopoora (in Rajputana Malwa), accompanied by the Raja of Kishy, and attended by a number of followers, arrived in Bombay, yesterday morning, and alighted at the Grant Road Railway station. A large number of Native gentlemen, having business connections with Sopoora, were present at the station to receive his Highness, who was decorated with numerous floral wreaths. The Maharaja then drove to his temporary residence at Warden Road.

CAUGHT AT LAST.—Before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Superintendent McDermott charged Nowroji Edulji Bhagal, a Parsi of notorious character, with failing to give security, as ordered by the court in connection with the case in which he had been charged with attempted highway robbery at Grant Road. The accused, instead of obeying the order, absconded from Bombay to Bulsar where on Tuesday he was arrested and brought down to Bombay. Accused was convicted and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

A DOUBTFUL CASE.—Noordin Shumsoodin, a kallasi, residing on the second floor of a house, at Old Bengalpoora Road, reported to the police, on Monday afternoon, that, on the preceding evening, he and his wife and a male relative went to sleep in their room after bolting the doors of the room from inside. On the following morning, complainant found both the doors fastened from inside as before, but on examining his box discovered gold and silver ornaments and currency notes and cash, of the aggregate value of Rs. 398, stolen. The complainant further stated that the cash, which amounted to Rs. 295, belonged to two other persons, who had entrusted him with it for safe custody. The police enquiries are in progress.

CHARITY BY A WIDOW.—A Surat correspondent writes:—Bai Devkore, the widow of Mr. Narsfrau J. Pandit, who was living with his nephew, Mr. Dhimatram Navalram, died on the 13th ultimo. When she found her health failing, she called five respectable men of her (Visnagara Nagir) caste, and handed over the sum of Rs. 4,000 with the object that Rs. 2,500 should be entrusted to the Gujerat Vernacular Society, and out of its interest the poor students of the Surat Visnagara community should be provided with school-fees, books, etc., and the sum of Rs. 1,500 is entrusted to the "punch" of the Visnagara caste, and its interest is to be used in annual caste dinners. Besides, she had given Rs. 500 to her brother, Mr. Ghelabhai, who gave the sum to the "punch" in order to perpetuate the memory of his sister.

EXAMINATION OF ARTICLED CLERKS TO SOLICITORS.—The half-yearly examination of articled clerks to solicitors commenced at the High Court, yesterday, and will continue for four days. The examiners are Mr. Farran, Commissioner and Taxing Master; Mr. Starling, Clerk of the Crown; and Mr. A. C. Walker, of Messrs. Chalk, Walker, and Smetham, solicitors. The following nine candidates appeared t the examination:—Mr. Ardasir Dinshah Ghandy, articled clerk to Messrs. Wadia and Ghandy; Mr. Framjee Ardasir Vakil, articled clerk to Messrs. Ardasir Hormusjee, and Dinshah; Mr. Jehangir Bomanjee Boman, articled clerk to Messrs. Crawford, Burder, and Bayley; Mr. Kaikhosroo Furdoonjee Serval, articled clerk to Messrs. Little and Co.; Mr. Kaikhosru Byramjee Mehta, articled clerk to Messrs. Bhaishanke and Kanga; Mr. Rustomjee Perozshah Bharucha, articled clerk to Messrs. Ardasir, Hormusjee, and Dinshah; Mr. Cowasji Bomanjee Boman, articled clerk to Messrs. Bhaishunker and Kanga; Mr. Dattatrya Narayen Vaid, articled clerk to Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen; and Mr. Cojajee Nusserwanjee Coyajee, articled clerk to the late Mr. Bomanjee Perozshah.

TRAM ACCIDENTS.—Vittoo Shamji, aged fifty, residing at Clark Road, was, on Tuesday forenoon, getting out of a tram-car on the Ripon Road, when he accidentally fell down and sustained a fracture of the right thigh bone, which necessitated his removal to the J.J. Hospital.—About half-past 9 o'clock, on the morning of the same day, another accident happened at Nagdavie Street. It appears that a Bania boy, named Muggon Harjivan, aged seventeen, was crossing Nagdavie Street, with a bundle of clothes on his shoulders, when he was suddenly knocked down by one of the horses, attached to tram-car No. 14, coming from the direction of the Arthur Crawford Markets towards Pydhownie. As soon as the lad was knocked down under the car, his clothing got entangled with a portion of the car, and he was dragged about fifteen paces before the driver could pull up. The boy was at once extricated, and was immediately removed by the police to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where it was ascertained that he had sustained a fracture of the left thigh bone. It was stated by some of the persons, who witnessed the accident, that the driver did not blow the whistle, but from the inquiry made by the police it appears that the car was at the time coming down a slight decline on the road, and the boy came across so suddenly that the driver had no time to whistle, and hence the accident could not be attributed to the negligence of the driver.

A DEAD BODY DISCOVERED IN A "RECKLA."—About 2 o'clock, yesterday morning, policeman No. 523 C., doing duty at Duncan Road, stopped a reckla No. 117 that was coming from the opposite direction, and on looking into it, discovered therein the contents the dead body of a man. The policeman took the driver in custody, and placed him before Inspector Hack. Inquiries were instituted, and it was then ascertained that the body in the reckla was that of a Mahomedan, named Moosa Sala Mahomed, aged twenty, lately employed as a carpenter at a house under construction at the 8th Lane, Kamattipoora. On Tuesday night, deceased and his two companions went on a spree and returned to the house at midnight. The two companions went up on to the top floor of the house to sleep, leaving the deceased downstairs, as he said that he would follow them shortly after. A quarter-of-an-hour afterwards, the two men heard the deceased coming upstairs, and then suddenly falling down the staircase. They immediately went and saw the deceased lying below the stairs, which had no hand rails fixed as yet. They found him bleeding from a wound on the back of the head and nose. They then called the reckla, and having placed the deceased therein, directed the driver to take him to Null Bazaar, where the deceased's mother resides, but before the conveyance could reach its destination it was stopped by the policeman, as above stated, at Duncan Road. The body of the deceased was then taken to the morgue, where Mr. Turner, the coroner, held an inquest, yesterday morning, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ALLEGED NEGLIGENT DRIVING.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, touching the death of a Mahomedan, named Ebrahim, a dealer in baskets, residing at Telly Gully. Deceased, who was about forty years old, arrived in Bombay from his native country only about five days ago. About six o'clock, on Tuesday evening, Ebrahim came out of Bapoo Hajam Street, and was crossing the Bhendy Bazaar Road, from west to east, in order to enter Telly Gully; when in the middle of the road, he was knocked down by a horse, attached to a private carriage that was then being driven from the direction of Pydhownie towards Byculla, and two of the wheels passed over the deceased. The carriage was occupied by some Borahs, and was driven by one Makan Gosaee, it is alleged, at a furious speed in the middle of the road, though there had been nothing at the time on either side of the road to prevent the driver from driving the carriage on the proper side of the road. Some Mahomedans ran after the carriage and stopped it at a distance of about thirty or forty paces from the spot. The deceased was placed in the same vehicle and taken to the J. J. Hospital, where on examination it was ascertained that he had sustained fracture of the collar bone and three ribs on the right side and a contused wound at the back of the head, which bled profusely. Deceased was admitted into the hospital, but he never rallied, and died shortly afterwards. Some of the witnesses in their evidence stated that the driver was driving at a furious pace and never called out to the deceased to get out of the way. The inquiry was adjourned to Saturday next. The driver, Makoond Gosaee, was subsequently charged before Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate, with rash and negligent act. The case was remanded, pending the conclusion of the coroner's inquiry.

ALLEGED FRAUDS IN KEROSINE OIL.

THIS morning, Mr. P. H. Dastur will commence hearing the case in which Major Samuel Comfort, one of the constituted attorneys in Bombay of the Standard Oil Company of New York, has obtained summonses against Noorbhoy Mahomedbhoy and two other Mahomedan merchants, charging them with using a false trade-mark, contrary to sections 480 and 482 of the Indian Penal Code, and with having in their possession the trade-mark for the purposes of denoting that the oil was the manufacture or merchandize of a person whose manufacture or merchandize it was not, contrary to section 485 of the Indian Penal Code. Major Comfort, in his information filed by him against the first accused on the 30th ultimo, stated that on the 24th March last, at his office in Bombay, there was shown to him by his superintendent, Mr. Prangovind A. Joshi, an un-opened tin of oil bearing the following stamps: "Lombard, Ayres and Co.'s (Monogram L. A. and Co.'s) Refined Petroleum, 150° Snowflake, New York." Major Comfort gave orders for it to be opened, which was done by Mr. Byramji P. Bharucha, the cashier, who then showed it to him opened. Major Comfort drew the sample from that tin and another sample from another tin, and then examined and tested such samples, and found that the samples were not of American oil, but of some other oil. "Snowflake" oil is always of a colour known as water-white, and its gravity is always over "47° Beaume," whereas the samples, so drawn, were of the colour known as "standard white," and their gravity was only 42½°, and had a smell different from "Snowflake" oil. For this reason, Major Comfort stated that the contents of the said tins was not "Snowflake" oil. The above company were the only importers into India of the oil known as "Snowflake," which was alone manufactured by a concern at New York, formerly known as "Lombard, Ayres and Co.," and now under the control of the said Standard Oil Company, and which had the highest reputation in India of any illuminating oils. The tin in question was a genuine tin supplied by the said concern. The tin, when brought to Major Comfort, was so skilfully closed with soldered cap, that Major Comfort could not have detected that it had been opened since it had been filled at the Refinery in America. Major Comfort then caused the tin to be closed by a tin-man. Complainant stated that he was informed that the said tin was purchased, on the 23rd March last, from the accused Noorbhoy Mahomedbhoy, of Null Bazaar, for Rs. 2-14 as a genuine tin of "Snowflake" oil, as per pencil memo. of the sale, purporting to be signed by him, was on the following day produced before the complainant, and he initialled it. In Major Comfort's opinion the oil contained in the said tin was Russian oil, the market retail price of which was on the 23rd March last Rs. 4-0 for a case of two tins, while that of "Snowflake" oil was Rs. 5-3 per similar case. On the 25th idem there was shown to the complainant in his office another unopened tin of oil, bearing the aforesaid mark, which he was informed was purchased that day of the said accused, Noorbhoy Mahomedbhoy, as genuine tin of "Snowflake" oil at Rs. 2-13 for a tin, which he suspected also contained oil which was not "Snowflake." From the aforesaid facts and from the report which complainant had heard from the market, that the said Noorbhoy was selling "Snow flake" oil at a price much lower than the current retail price for such oil, and lower than the current wholesale price, Major Comfort suspected in the accused's shop there might have been other tins bearing similar marks, but not containing "Snowflake" oil. Under the circumstances Major Comfort applied for a summons against Noorbhoy charging him as above stated, and also applied for a search-warrant to seize all tins in the shop bearing the said mark. The complainant further stated that, on the 26th ultimo, he caused the said two tins, together with some tins of oil, to be sent sealed to the Chemical Analyser to Government for analysis. The Chemical Analyser in his report stated that a sample marked E (Genuine Snowflake) was a different oil in every respect to the other five samples, and possessed characters of American oil while the other samples possessed physical characters of Russian oil. The magistrate granted a summons against Noorbhoy, and also a search-warrant. Similar informations were filed by Major Comfort against two other Mahomedan merchants, charging them with similar offences. The magistrate granted summonses and search-warrants against them, too. By virtue of the warrants, the shops of the three accused were searched by Inspector Sloane, and forty-eight tins were seized.

VISA DISAVAL HITVARDHAK SABHA.

THE second annual meeting of the Sabha was held at Bhuleshwar, on Tuesday night, under the presidency of Mr. Gordhandas Mancharam. Mr. Purshotamdas Dayaram Bagai, the secretary, read the last year's report, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Laldas Dayabhai, while giving a history of the Visa Disaval Banias of Surat, said that the number of unmarried males in the caste at Surat is about 80, while that of unmarried girls is only 20; hence 20 males will be married, and the remaining 60 will have to die unmarried, so they must take steps to see that every son of the caste was united and multiplied. The rich do get united, but the poor are the sufferers. If no steps were taken the caste would be diminished instead of increasing. The caste had also suffered much in money matters; yet their customs remained as they were when the caste was a wealthy one. The rich did get on with heavy expenses, but the poor had to borrow money in order to meet such expenses. They had also to take steps to save the poor from heavy expenses. Some Visa Disaval Banias of Surat living in Bombay took the matter to heart, and on the 30th April, 1894, called a meeting of some of the leading members of the caste, and founded a sabha called "Visa Disaval Hitwardhak Sabha." On the spot, sixteen names were registered. At present the number has increased to thirty-five, which is the result of the perseverence and assiduity of the first sixteen members. They opened a fund in the name of Visa Disaval Nirashrit Fund, which is to be kept intact, and the interest is to be used in helping the poor caste-fellows and encouraging education. The objects of the Sabha are to make alterations in such customs of the caste as are not suitable nowadays; to help the poor caste-fellows; to encourage education; and to act according to their religion. As regards education, the speaker said that the caste was very backward. There was only one graduate, and six undergraduates, all of whom are the chief promoters of the Sabha. Last year the Sabha passed a resolution to make a present to anyone who becomes a graduate in the caste. As regards female education, the caste was more backward. There are not more than half-a-dozen girls receiving education in the whole caste of 5,000 men. The speaker (Mr. Laldas Dayabhai) proposed to give a prize to any girl who completed her Gujerati education and made herself fit for domestic duties.

Messrs. Nagindas Damoder, Rangildas Dayabhai, Kaliandas Harivalabhdas, and Gordhandas Mancharam also spoke to the same effect. Harikirtan was performed on the occasion. After the customary compliment to the chairman, the party dispersed at a late hour.

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HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BUDRUDIN TYABJEE.)

A TRADE MARK CASE.

A. BLASCHECK AND CO. VS. FURDOONJEE FRAMJEE KHAMBATTA AND OTHERS.

HIS lordship gave his decision on a rule nisi, obtained by the plaintiffs on the 13th February last, calling upon the defendants to show cause why they should not be restrained from selling or importing any satins bearing the plaintiff's labels. The Hon. Mr. Lang, instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Scott, instructed by Messrs. Wadia and Ghandi, appeared for the defendants.

The plaintiffs are merchants in Bombay, and had for many years been importing into this country satin goods bearing a circular label, known as "Gol," or round label, which, they said, was their trade-mark. The satin had acquired a high reputation in the Eastern market. The defendants had recently been importing and selling in Bombay satin bearing a label which, the plaintiffs charged, was a colourable imitation and infringement of their trade-mark. The defendants' satin, they said, was inferior and was sold at a cheaper rate than theirs. They charged that the defendants' label was calculated and intended to deceive purchasers. Plaintiffs had called upon the defendants to discontinue the use of the label complained of, but they declined to do so, denying that their label was like that of the plaintiffs.

The first defendant said that he was a commission agent, and that some time ago Messrs. Meyer and Soetbur, of Hamburg consigned to him for sale in Bombay two cases of satin, each price bearing two tickets, one an oblong one, the distinctive feature of which was a ship in full sail, with a tiger in it; and another a circular one, bearing numbers. The defendant contended that he had nothing to do with the placing of the ticket, nor had he any intention of imitating the plaintiffs' labels. The two tickets, it was urged, were entirely different in colour and in number, and that the goods were manufactured in France. It was further urged that the circular ticket was common to the trade, and was not the special property of any particular merchant. The defendants said that satin was invariably known, asked for, and purchased by the numbers only.

His lordship, after hearing the arguments of counsel, dissolved the interim injunction. The defendants were ordered to keep an account of the goods with the circular ticket sold after this date. The costs of the rule to be costs in the cause.

BOMBAY RIFLE CLUB.

A VERY successful season was brought to a close by a special series of matches at 200, 300, 500, 600, 700 and 800 yards on the mornings of 23rd, 27th, and 30th of March last. For the aggregate of these matches a silver medal was presented by the Assistant Hon. Secretary. As will be seen by the appended scores there was very good shooting until the last distance when a thick fog and an unusually erratic wind made misses very frequent. Colr.-Sergt. S. W. Thomas wins the medal for the best aggregate at these distances with Colr.-Sergt. Black and several others close up. The full scores are:—

31ST COMPETITION.

	200 yds.
Corpl W Wimsley, B V R	24a
Vol J M Mason, B B & C I R Vols	24b
Corpl P Turley, B V R	23c
Cr Sergt H Black, B V R	23b
Lieut D J Sharp, B V R	22b
Capt F W English, B V R	21b
Vol G Rogmand, B V R	21d
Cr Sergt E W Thomas B V R	21e
Sergt J Imrie, G I P R Vols	20f
Lce Corpl A G Boylette, B V R	19g
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	19
Vol J A D'Cruiz, B V R	19
Sergt Instr F W Nalty, B V R	19
Corpl J J D'Souza, B V R	19
Corpl G Marks, B V R	19
Vol M A Navin, B V R	18
Sergt J A McKinnon, B V R	18
Corpl W J High, B V R	18
Lce Corpl O M P Clyne B V R	16
Sergt C S Smith, B V R	16
Sergt A R Sharp, B V R	15
Sergt Instr F W Nalty, B V R	14
Cr. Sergt J L Kees, B V R	14
Vol H Row, B V R	12
Vol A E Frail, G I P R Vols	11
Vol A D'Silva, B V R	9

(a) handicapped 4 points, winner of 3rd Spoon; (b) handicapped 6 points; (c) handicapped 2 points, winner of 1st Spoon; (d) winner of 2nd spoon; (e) handicapped 3 points; (f) handicapped 2 points; (g) winner of 4th spoon.

32ND COMPETITION.

	300 yds.
Sergt W Fry, G I P R Vols	25a
Capt F W English, B V R	23b
Cr-Sergt H Black, B V R	22c
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	22a
Vol J M Mason, B B & C I R Vols	21c
Corpl G Marks, B V R	21d
Sergt J Imrie, G I P R Vols	20e
Cr-Sergt J E Kees, B V R	20a
Sergt A R Sharp, B V R	20d
Sergt J A McKinnon, B V R	19f
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Vol J A D'Cruz, B V R	19f
Vol H Row, B V R	18h
Vol A D'Silva, B V R	18d
Lieut D J Sharp, B V R	18c
Vol C Rogmand, B V R	17
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Sergt Instr F W Nalty, B V R	9

(a) handicapped 4 points, winner of 1st spoon; (b) handicapped 6 points winner of 4th spoon; (c) handicapped 6 points; (d) handicapped 4 points; (e) handicapped 2 point winner of 2nd spoon; (f) handicapped 2 points; (g) handicapped 3 points; (h) winner of 3rd spoon.

33RD COMPETITION.

	500 yds.
Lce-Corpl A J Herbert, G I P Ry Vols	27a
Lieut D J Sharp, B V R	26b
Cr-Sergt A E Ashdown, G I P Ry Vols	25c
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	25b
Capt F W English, B V R	25a
Vol J M Mason, B B and C I Ry Vols	24b
Cr-Sergt E W Thomas, B V R	24a
Cr-Sergt J E Kees, B V R	24b
Corpl W Walmsley, B V R	23b
Sergt-Instr F W Nalty, B V R	22d
Lce-Corpl O M P Clyne, B V R	22b
Vol F Hainsworth, B V R	22c
Cr-Sergt H Black, B V R	21b
Sergt A R Sharp, B V R	19
Vol H Row, B V R	19
Sergt J Imrie, G I P Ry Vols	19
Corpl W J High, B V R	17

(a) handicapped 8 points; (b) handicapped 6 points winner of 2nd spoon; (c) winner of 1st spoon; and (d) handicapped 4 points; (e) handicapped 2 points.

34TH COMPETITION.

	500 yds.
Lieut D J Sharp, B V R	26a
Cr-Sergt E W Thomas, B V R	25b
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	24c
Cr-Sergt H Black, B V R	23c
Lce-Corpl A J Herbert, G I P Ry Vols	22b
Vol J M Mason, B B and C I Ry Vols	21c
Lce-Corpl O M P Clyne, B V R	21c
Corpl W Walmsley, B V R	21c
Sgt-Instr F W Nalty, B V R	20d
Cr-Sergt J E Kees, B V R	20a
Corpl W J High, B V R	19f
Capt F W English, B V R	19b
Cr-Sergt J E Kees, B V R	19c
Vol H Row, B V R	18
Vol F Hainsworth, B V R	16
Sert A R Sharp, B V R	14
Sergt J Imrie, G I P Ry Vols	12

(a) Handicaped 6 points, winner of 2nd spoon; (b) handicapped 8 points; (c) handicapped, 6 points; (d) handicapped, 4 points; (e) handicapped, 2 points; (f) winner of 1st spoon.

35TH COMPETITION.

	700 yds.
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	27a
Sergt-Major J Imrie, G I P Ry Vols	26b
Capt F W English, B V R	26c
Cr-Sergt H Black, B V R	25d
Vol J M Mason, B B and C I Ry Vols	25d
Cr-Sergt E W Thomas, B V R	24c
Sergt-Instr F W Nalty, B V R	23d
Corpl A G Herbert, G I P Ry Vols	22c
Lce-Corpl A G Boylette, B V R	22f
Vol H Row, B V R	20
Sergt A R Sharp, B V R	19
Sergt-Instr F W Nalty, B V R	19
Vol A D'Silva, B V R	18
Mr E Good, B R C	18
Corpl J J D'souza, B V R	16
Lieut D J sharp, B V R	16
Vol F Hainsworth, B V R	16
Lce-Corpl O M P Clyne, B V R	16
Vol A E Frael, G I P Ry Vols	12
Corpl W Walmsley, B V R	11
Corpl G Hainsworth, B V R	5

(a) handicapped 6 points, winner of 3rd spoon; (b) handicapped 4 points, winner of 1st spoon; (c) handicapped 8 points; (d) handicapped 6 points; (e) winner of 2nd spoon; (f) handicapped 2 points.

36TH COMPETITION.

	800 yards.
Vol A D'Silva, B V R	20a
Cr-Sergt E W Thomas, B V R	19b
Cr-Sergt H Black, B V R	18c
Lce-Corpl A G Boylette, B V R	17d
Vol J M Mason, B B & C I R Vols	14e
Capt F W English, B V R	14b
Lce-Corpl O M P Clyne, B V R	13e
Sergt A R Sharp, B V R	13f
Sergt-Instr F W Nalty, B V R	13f
Sergt W Fry, G I P Ry Vols	13
Corpl A G Herbert, G I P Ry Vols	12
Vol H Row, B V R	12
Lieut D J Sharp, B V R	11
Sergt J Imrie, G I P Ry Vols	10
Mr E Good, B R C	9
Vol J A D'Cruz, B V R	8
Corpl J G D'Souza, B V R	6
Corpl W Walmsley, B V R	6
Sergt-Major J H Downing, B V R	6

(a) handicapped 4 points, winner of 1st spoon; (b) handicapped 8 points; (c) handicapped 6 points, winner of 3rd spoon; (d) handicapped 2 points winner of 2nd spoon; (e) handicapped 6 points; and (f) handicapped 4 points.

The silver medal given by Sergt-Major Downing for the highest aggregate score made in the last 6 spoon competitions was won by Cr.-Sergt. Thomas, B. V. R. with 132 points beating Cr.-Sergt. Black, B. V. R. on the tie.

THE STUDY OF THE PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

WE learn that the managing committee of the Society, called the Anjuman-e-Elmi-e-Farsi, which was founded some years back in Bombay for the encouragement of the study of the Persian language and literature, have now taken the necessary steps to reconstruct the Anjuman and to place it on a firmer footing. The Society has the good fortune of having H. H. Aga Khan as its patron, and Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, Baronet, Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Baronet, and many other distinguished citizens and persian scholars as its members. H. E. the Persian Consul-General, worthily following in the footsteps of his predecessor in office, has accepted the post of President of the Anjuman, and it is hoped that the Anjuman will derive great advantage from his Excellency's connection. The Committee have also engaged the services of Mirza Mohammed Behbani, a Persian and Arabic scholar, as Munshi to the Anjuman. This gentleman, who is a pure Persian, is very highly spoken of, and he will, besides assisting members in their conversational efforts, deliver lectures to them in the Persian language on various topics, at stated intervals. A Shahl Nameh reading competition has also been arranged. Persian students in the various High Schools and Colleges in Bombay have been invited to take part in this competition, which comes off on the 15th of May next. Four prizes will be awarded on that occasion to successful competitors. The Anjuman opens its sessions from to-day (Thursday), at 5-30 p.m., in the hall of the New High School, Hornby Road, Fort, and it is arranged that regular weekly meetings will be held every Thursday for the purpose oi promoting the Society's objects.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 8TH OF APRIL, 1896.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutta standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45°.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a samll shed with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Delhi	29·803	W	4	101·0	73·4	20	...	1·89	−1·93
Agra	29·791	NW	3	103·0	70·8	27	...	0·22	−1·12
Cawnpore	29·863	Calm	0	105·1	74·0	29	...	0·72	...
Allahabad	29·773	WSW	3	106·6	68·3	32	...	0·75	−1·21
Jhansi	29·809	Calm	1	105·6	75·7	25	...	0·61	−0·89
Jacobabad	29·833	Calm	2	105·9	64·6	32	...	0·06	−0·53
Karachi	29·861	WSW	11	89·8	74·0	80	...	0·14	−1·39
Jeypore	29·837	Calm	4	103·6	70·0	37	...	0·31	−1·31
Ajmere	29·877	Calm	2	101·4	66·2	33	...	0·07	−1·26
Deesa	29·847	W	8	107·9	71·5	26	...	..	−0·54
Ahmedabad	29·850	NNW	3	106·3	79·1	26	...	...	...
Bhuj	29·844	WNW	11	102·6	69·9	30	...	0·14	−0·26
Rajkot	29·858	NNE	9	102·9	71·8	51	...	0·03	−0·51
Veraval	29·831	NNW	11	96.6	71·3	28	...	...	...
Neemuch	29·833	NNE	10	101·3	70·6	37	...	0·04	−0·99
Indore	29·836	N	3	102·1	70·1	34	...	0·03	−0·96
Saugor	29·799	NE	3	102·4	69·6	17	...	0·44	−2·03
Jubulpore	29·799	Calm	2	104·0	68·2	20	...	0·10	−2·52
Hoshangabad	29·851	SW	2	105·0	72·1	30	...	0·25	−1·70
Khandwa	29·822	Calm	5	105·7	76·6	21	...	...	−1·37
Raipur	29·798	SW	5	107·0	83·5	22	...	0·12	−2·26
Nagpur	29·792	Calm	...	107·7	78·1	38	...	0·33	−2·76
Amraoti	29·822	W	4	108·8	77·1	36	...	...	−2·37
Akola	29·809	Calm	5	107·7	80·3	28	...	0·04	−2·85
Surat	29·849	WNW	L	98·7	80·6	28	...	...	−0·25
Malegaon	29·799	Calm	5	102·8	72·1	22	...	...	−1·25
Bombay	29·832	SE	15	92·4	82·5	62	...	0·08	−0·36
Poona	29·832	E	9	101·5	76·8	26	...	2·79	+0·92
Ahmednagar	29·825	NNE	7	101·4	81·4	32	...	1·09	...
Aurangabad	29·840	NE	4	105·0	78·2	22	...	0·10	...
Sholapur	29·809	E	8	105·2	75·0	23	...	0·76	−1·49
Ratnagiri	29·849	WSW	5	93·4	81·8	80	...	1·33	+0·52
Belgaum	29·847	Calm	10	97·2	69·5	55	...	1·32	−1·44
Goa	29·847	S	5	92·1	80·4	72	...	0·17	...
Karwar	29·847	E	4	90·8	78·5	82	...	0·46	−2·36
Mangalore	29·841	NE	3	93·8	81·4	74	...	1·79	−1·96
Calicut	29·833	WNW	9	94·3	81·7	74	...	4·68	−2·68
Cochin	29·825	ENE	36	93·8	82·1	74	...	2·25	−4·76
Bangalore	29·863	SSE	10	93 3	68·8	62	...	2·99	−2·10
Secunderabad	29·825	Calm	4	102·7	75 3	42	...	1·27	−1·85
Masulipatam	29·836	S	9	94·6	78·1	79	...	0·83	−7·72
Bellary	29·846	Calm	4	101·7	75·9	41	...	3·22	−0·51
Cuddapah	29·814	NE	1	106·7	79·9	53	...	0·07	+0·07
Madras	29·770	SSE	7	97·0	75·6	67	...	19·85	−0·34
Coimbatore	29·870	E	2	99·9	75·3	78	...	3·06	−3·09
Trichinopoly	29·862	NE	4	101·1	75·9	75	...	3·35	−1·16
Negapatam	29·865	WNW	12	92·0	74·7	78	...	37·81	+6·94
Colombo	29·846	E	5	89·5	75·0	79	0·04	26·26	−6·25
Aden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

ON the re-opening of the London Stock Exchange yesterday after the holidays, Consols were quoted 1-16th per cent. higher, at 110; Indian Sterling Loan being unchanged at 119¼. Three and-a-half per cent. Rupee Securities were 1-16th higher, at £ 63 13-16. The market rate of discount on short London Bills was reduced 1-8; but to the same extent on six months' sight Indian Bank Paper, say to 5-8 ths and ½ per cent. respectively. The price of Bar Silver in London remained at 31 1-8d. per oz.; and in New York also the metal was unchanged in value at 68 cent per oz.; with demand Exchange on London 1¼ cent. higher at 4·89¼ dollars. The Exchange Banks' buying rate in London on India at 30 days' sight remained at 1s. 2 1-8d. Braziers' Copper was 10s. higher, at £52 10s. per ton, Coal Freight from Cardiff to Bombay via the Canal advanced 3d. per ton, to 15s. 9d. French Routes in Paris were ¼ per cent. lower, at 101; Paris Exchange on London advanced a centime to fs. 25·20.

Yellow Guzerat Rapeseed was quoted yesterday at 35¼s. per 416 lbs., sellers, April-May shipment, to Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk, tone of the market firmer; Yellow Cawnpore Rapeseed at 34¼s. sellers, same shipment, to the same ports, market firmer; Brown Rapeseed at 30¼s. per 416 lbs., buyers, same shipment to the same ports, market firmer; and Linseed at 34¼s. per 416 lbs., buyers, same shipment to the same ports, market firm.

The Liverpool Cotton market was still closed for the holidays yesterday; but Reuter quotes Manchester prices at 3s. for 7 lbs. Grey Shirtings; 5s. 1d. for 8¼ lbs. Grey Shirtings; 2s. 1¼d. for 39 in. Jaconets, and 2s. 4d. for 45 in. Mulls. 40s Mule Twist was quoted at 7 5 8d. per lb.

In New York yesterday, Cotton was unchanged in value at 7 7-8 cents per lb. for ready Mid.-Uplands, and 7·69 cents for July Futures. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 12,000 bales.

Our local Cotton market has been steady in tone to-day and prices still unchanged. A moderate business has been reported in both directions, exporters being credited with 2,150 bales, say 750 Dharwar, at Rs. 185¼-7; 800 Dhollera, at Rs. 182-95; 500 Bengal, at Rs. 169-70; and 100 Broach, at Rs. 208 per candy; while the Mills have bought 1,000 bales, consisting of 500 Jalgaum, at Rs. 173; 300 Wadhwan, at Rs. 187-9; and 100 each of Rampore, at Rs. 187; and Mowah, at Rs. 199 per candy.

SEEDS and WHEAT have remained steady markets with a moderate amount of business reported for shippers' account. Seeds are unchanged in value; but in Wheat there has been an advance of half an anna per cwt. in *White Pessy* and *White Delhi*, our quotations for which this evening are as follows:—

White Pessy, 91 per cent.	Rs. 4-10-0	per cwt.
Do do. 85 " ..... "	4-9-0	"
No. 1 Club Delhi..... "	4-9-0	"

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	19,290	bales.
Wheat	22,799	cwts.
Linseed	17,419	"
Rapeseed	5,744	"
Gingellyseed	6,765	"
Poppyseed	4,721	"
Groundnuts	4,516	"
Castorseed	4,044	"
Rice	41,105	"

FREIGHTS remain dull. Business has been done to-day at 9s. to 8s. 6d. per ton for April shipment to choice ports.

EXCHANGE opened with a quiet feeling at 1s. 2 5-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 2 13-32d. for three months' sight Credits, remaining thereat throughout the day, a moderate amount of business having been reported both ways, and the market closing quiet but steady pending the receipt of news regarding Council allotments as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 2 5-16d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 2 5-16d.	"
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 2 11-32d.	"
Credits Do.	1s. 2 13-32d.	"
Francs Do.	1'51¾	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been firm to-day at some advance in prices, 107 7-8 having been quoted both for Money and Account until near the close, when the rate dropped a little and 107 13-16 was named in both positions.

SHARES have been quiet to-day, the changes shown in our list this evening are mostly in buyers' favour. In Mill Scrip we note an advance of Rs. 20 in Manockjee Petit; of Rs. 15, in Empress; of Rs. 10 each, in Howard and Bullough, Queen, and Swadeshi; of Rs. 5, in Imperial; of Rs. 2½, in David; and of Rs. 2 in Leopold; and a decline of Rs. 10 each, in Colaba Land, and Presidency. In Presses New Berar, have declined Rs. 30½; and Mofussil and New Indian, have advanced Rs. 21¼ each; In Miscellaneous Port Canning. are Rs. 5 higher.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 28th March 1896, on 461 Miles open.

—	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,26,000	2,93,000	4,000	4,23,000
Or per mile of Railway	273	636	9	918
For previous 12 weeks of half-year.	12,66,837	27,98,312	43,121	41,08,350
Total for 13 weeks...	13,92,887	30,91,312	47,121	45,31,350
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	97,310	3,36,484	10,272	4,44,016
Per mile of Ry do.	211	730	22	963
Total to corresponding date do.	13,22,074	31,17,629	45,951	44,85,654

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 21,016
Increase to date..... " 45,6.6

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 28th March 1896 on 17·28 Miles open.

—	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated].	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	590	590	10	1,010
Or per mile of Railway	29	29	...	58
For previous 12 weeks of half-year.	5,870	4,266	28	10,184
Total for 13 weeks...	6,370	4,766	38	11,174
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	444	453	4	901
Per mile of Ry do.	26	26	...	52
Total to corresponding date do.	4,923	6,057	33	11,013

Increase for the week..... Rs. 109
Ditto to date..... " 161

GODHRA-RUTLAM RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 28th March, 1896 on 115·10 Miles open.

—	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,000	24,000	40	27,040
Or per mile of Railway	26	209	.....	235
For previous 12 weeks of half-year..	41,496	2,23,366	683	2,65,545
Total for 13 weeks...	44,496	2,47,366	723	2,92,585
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,166	20,922	—113	23,945
Per mile of Ry. do.	27	181	— 1	207
Total to corresponding date do.	37,169	2,32,642	878	2,70,689

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 3,095
Ditto to date ..... " 21,896

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

FAULKNER—March 30, at Shillong, Assam, the wife of Ernest Trevelyan Faulkner, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FORBES—SCOTT—March 13, at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Rev C J Palmer, M.A. Herbert Russell Forbes of Nahorjan Tea Estate, Assam, son of the late Lt-Col Henry Twisden Forbes, R A, to Amy Ella, daughter of the late W D Scott, of Chiswick Middlesex.

KENYON—HUNT—March 19, at all Saints, Milton Ernest, by the Revd W H Denison, Rector of Carlton, Beds, assisted by the Revd J J Burton, Vicar of the Parish, Eustace Alban, third son of the late J R Kenyon, G C of Pradoe, Salop, to Caroline Ethel Jane, eldest daughter of the late Revd William Cornish Hunt, Rector of Odell.

DEATHS.

FOSTER—April 3, at Richmond Town, Bangalore, Ethel, the dearly loved daughter of Captain and Mrs H Foster, aged 13 years and 4 months.

MURRAY—April 2, at Kurnoul, Tirhoot, James Minden, infant son of Alfred and Kathleen Murray, aged 7 months and 23 days.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1896.

GENERAL BALDISSERA has at length been permitted to take the prudent course which he recommended on assuming supreme command after the disaster at Adowa. He has ordered the garrison to evacuate Kassala and retire to Agredat. It is to be hoped that it is still possible for the four thousand men beleaguered in that fortress to extricate themselves from a hopeless position. Major Hidalgo, who is in command, recently asked permission to send away all non-combatants, so that the provisions available might suffice for the garrison until the rise of the Atbara in July. The permission was granted, and the non-combatants were to be sent off by caravan early in April. We have not heard that the expatriation of the civil inhabitants has been effected, but it is possible that the sortie of the garrison and the attack on the Mahdist's forts in the neighbourhood may have been made to cover the escape of the townspeople. The orders to evacuate the place makes the fate of the unhappy inhabitants of that sorely-tried town of no military importance. The question now is whether the garrison can successfully fight its way to a position of safety. It will have to deal with the ten thousand Mahdists under Osman Digna, who is strong in cavalry. If Major Hidalgo can defeat or circumvent the Dervishes he will then have to run the gauntlet of King Menelik's army of 120,000 men which have cut the communications between Adegrat and the Italian head-quarters at Asmara. Baron Blanc's speech in the Chamber of Deputies, on the 24th March, attributed to the contingency of the abandonment of Kassala by Italy what he termed "definitive public proofs of an alliance on the part of Great Britain founded on an effective community of interests extending to the security of Italy as a maritime Mediterranean Power." That remarkable pronouncement of the ex-Minister of Finance in the Crispi Cabinet drew from the Duke de Sermoneta, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the newly-constituted Rudini administration, the qualifying remark that the alliance was one of sentiment, and that in the event of the re-conquest of the Soudan the Italians must relinquish Kassala. Mr. Curzon, when officially communicating to the House of Commons the intention to occupy Dongola, put the hope of making a diversion in favour of the Italian garrison in Kassala in the first place, and the duty of making provision against some future attack on the frontiers of Egypt in the second.

The Italian Deputies were overjoyed when they heard of this supposed "alliance" spoken of by Baron Blanc, and voted their thanks to the House of Commons for its sympathy with Italy. But the Italian press expressed bitter disappointment that if help were to be given it did not take form in an expedition for the relief of Kassala, beleaguered by the Mahdists, or Adegrat surrounded by Menelik's army. An expedition to Dongola seven or eight hundred miles in another direction, they pointed out, would be of no use either in Kassala or Adegrat. The result has justified this criticism, which was not confined to Italian journalists. Sir Charles Dilke put the matter very clearly in a sentence: "It is useless to go to Dongola, and superfluous to render assistance to Kassala, which the Italians have decided to abandon." Indeed, Lord Salisbury himself soon came to be of the same opinion. The intention to go forthwith to Dongola has been quietly dropped; or to express the same thing in more guarded language, the expedition thither has been deferred until September. The truth seems to be that the coldness and almost complete silence with which the House of Commons heard of the intention to re-establish civilization in the Soudan, has induced the Government to modify its policy and minimise the aim and scope of the expedition. The wisdom of this course is made more clear by the determination of Italy to abandon Kassala; a step which enables her to concentrate her available strength against King Menelik, if the peace negotiations come to nothing. The Mahdists having secured Kassala will give General Baldissera no further trouble. They will doubtless march on Tokar and renew their attempts upon Suakin. On the other hand, King Menelik will have food for thought in the reappearance of the Mahdists as masters of Kassala, which is the Metz of Northern Abyssinia. The occupation of that strong place by the Italians led directly and inevitably to all their present troubles, for it united against them in the bonds of a common interest, the Mahdists, who were fully alive to the significance of an advance to a point half-way between Massowah and Khartoum, and the Abyssinians who resented the presence of an Italian garrison in a fort which they with much justice regarded as rightly belonging to them.

The Negus Menelik, who is credited with the foresight and moderation of a statesman, may consider that he has now sufficiently impressed the Italian Government with the futility of pursuing schemes of conquest in the Abyssinan mountains, and may conclude a peace which would allow him to pay off old scores against the Mahdists and secure the reversion of Kassala with other Abyssinian territory to its original owners. He may, however, pursue his advantage in the hope of securing a seaport which will bring Abyssinia into direct touch with the outer world. Massowah would be much more useful to Abyssinia than it is ever likely to be to Italy. It is open to question whether from the merely selfish point of view it was good policy on the part of Great Britain to disappoint the hopes entertained by King Johannes, Menelik's predecessor, of obtaining Massowah on the collapse of the Egyptian military power after Tel-el-Kebir. The port in question was offered to Italy, chiefly to secure her support against France in our occupation of Egypt. But there was also a desire to close the seaports of the Red Sea littoral against the importation of arms into Abyssinia. That object was nullified by the acquisition of Obok by the French. That small port on the Bay of Tajurrah, has enabled Menelik to import large quantities of arms and ammunition in preparation for the present war, and to maintain friendly relations with both France and Russia. That the Negus has a strong determination to enter into closer relations with Europe generally is one of the facts of the situation which it is necessary to bear in mind. His Majesty has just notified to the Central Bureau at Berne his desire that Abyssinia should henceforth enter into the Union Postale Universelle. He is an ambitious, capable, energetic ruler, who has armed his well-disciplined troops with the best modern weapons. He has encountered and defeated European troops in pitched battle, out-manœuvring a very capable General and baffling all his calculations. The Empire of Ethiopia in his hands has become the Prussia of Africa, and it will have to be reckoned with. Why not secure the good-will and co-operation of this new military power by retrieving the false step which compromised the results of the treaty of friendship negotiated with King Johannes by Admiral Sir William Hewett some twelve years since? Massowah is a white elephant to Italy. Under very similar circumstances England evacuated Kandahar, handing it over to the Amir Abdul Rahman to strengthen his position, while disembarrassing ourselves of an encumbrance. With a port on the Red Sea, and a free hand to recover Kassala, Menelik would no longer be under any obligation to France for such facilities for the importation of arms as Obok has hitherto afforded. Short of this, if Menelik would be satisfied with some other port on the Red Sea, it would be good policy to help him to obtain it, and strenghten his hands against the Mahdists.

ADVICES from America show that Mr. Ballington Booth has definitively thrown off allegiance to the General, his father, and is now commanding an Army of his own. He has just decided on a name. His followers are to be called "God's American Volunteers." He has not yet decided on a uniform, nor has he fixed upon a standard to take the place of that with "Blood and Fire" thereon emblazoned. Nor do we learn what General Booth has decided to do in the direction of reducing the rebels to a state of subordination. The steps he did take in the first place only served to strengthen the hands of his rebellious son. It caused the American Salvationists to "secesh," and declare themselves in favour of "a pure American brand of Salvation." Mr. Ballington Booth is the second son of the General Commander of the Salvation Army. He is now thirty-eight years of age, and is said to resemble his father in appearance. His wife was the daughter of the Rector of Limehouse, who left a boarding school, where she was being educated, at the age of sixteen, and commenced working with the Army in London. The insurrectionist leader first went to America nine years ago, and last year became a naturalised subject of the Republic. Everything went on smoothly, until early this year, when Mr. Ballington Booth was recalled. He stated, in answer to his friends, that orders to relinquish the command in America were in accordance with the discipline of the organization, it being of a strictly military character. He, however, subsequently learnt that other territorial leaders were also being changed. "In pursuance, therefore, of military obedience, regardless of our own feeling," he stated, "we are proceeding to put all things in preparation." At that time he denied emphatically the rumour that he would disobey the order. A meeting seems then to have been held in Carnegie Hall, on February 3, to testify to the appreciation of the work of the Booths in America, and regret at their recall." Chauncey M. Depew read to the meeting a telegram from Mr. Bramwell Booth, chief of the staff, in which he used this language: "Change in command indicates no disapproval whatever, but confidence that leaders in States, like many others also changing this year, remain true to the world-purpose of the army. The General relies on American auxiliaries honourably and heartily helping his son and daughter in carrying out their own declarations and in their continued consecration to the world's salvation." However, a few days later Mr. Ballington Booth issued a manifesto in which he announced his resignation of the command of the American branch of his father's army "with inexpressible grief and heartfelt pain." He disclaimed any semblance of personal ambition, or any desire that their troops should stand for a moment in the relationship of opponents to those of other nations. Despite his own and his wife's intense and undying love for America and comrades there, they would, he said, have had no other thought or purpose than that of proceeding to England for another command, were they able to do so. But owing to conscientious feelings and private reasons, well known to the General, they were unable to enter upon new duties and controversies in connection with a foreign command. Owing to this inability to continue to work freely as leaders in the Army under existing circumstances, they made known to London their decision not to accept another appointment. This did not, he was careful to explain, mean that they would no longer be Salvationists, nor that they would be other than the warmest friends of their comrades throughout the world. Simply they declined to take up another appointment. Next day Commander Herbert Booth, Mr. Ballington's younger brother, was sent to demand the keys of the office, and Ballington and his wife departed. But his "soldiers" would not hear of it. They promptly threw off allegiance to the General by whole corps, and called upon Mr. Ballington Booth to lead them. He readily consented, opening headquarters in New York for the now organised secessionists. What will be done with regard to the property is not yet known. It appears that the title to the immense property of the Army, amounting to millions of dollars, and including the handsome seven-storey buildings in West Fourteenth-street, New York, recently erected for a national headquarters, is absolutely in the name of Ballington Booth, and has not yet been transferred to his successor. The reason for that arrangement is that the Army, not being an incorporated institution, could not legally hold property, and it has also always been the policy of General Booth to have the organization as much as possible under the control of himself or members of his family.

THE Standard Oil Company of New York are rightly complaining of the injury to the reputative character of their kerosine oil by the sale under their name and with their mark of an inferior Russia oil. The true snowflake, as all know who burn it, is a pure white illuminant, free from danger, and almost free from smell. The satisfaction given by this kerosine in some measure recompenses for its high price. It is rather hard on the consumer that he does not always get what he confidingly pays for. But the harm done to the Standard Company by the reckless use of their trade mark and test degree is something much more serious, and will, we believe, form the subject of a case in court. The rule to follow with regard to the high-priced snowflake kerosine is, when you send for it, see that you get it, and not some perilous stuff that may explode and set fire to the town. How the deception is practised we shall probably hear when the matter comes before the court, but how it can be detected by the ordinary buyer of oil it would be well to ascertain without loss of time. While burning it is easy enough to recognise that it is not refined oil, but it should be detected before it is paid for and put into the lamp. To apply a chemical or scientific test when haggling over a case is not within the power or knowledge of the useful butler who goes to the bazaar to drive the bargain that is to bring some profit to him and none to his master. Is it not possible that the letting loose of so many empty tins of 150° snowflake may be a temptation to the unscrupulous dealer to re-fill them with inferior kerosine and re-fix the cap in the corner of the tin?

THE hot season promises to bring with it a large amount of scarcity, if not actual famine, in various parts of India. In the Punjab and Oudh there is a growing want of water and fodder. Practically no rain has fallen, save in scattered showers, and prices, where not stationary, show a tendency to rise. In the North-West Provinces over 1,32,000 persons are now on relief works, 47,000 being in Banda and 31,000 in the Hamirpur districts. Of the total number 20,648 dependents were gratuitously relieved on the works; 2,841 persons also received gratuitous relief under other provisions of the Famine Code. Fodder is becoming scarce in places, and the want of water is being felt in Banda and Hamirpur. The crops in Dudhi, south Mirzapur, are said to have failed, the outturn, however, not being equal to the seed sown. From the Central Provinces returns we find that in Chanda, Bhandara, Balaghat, and Sambalpur water is becoming scarce, fodder is insufficient also, whilst Chanda, Bramapuri, Bilaspur, Sambalpur, and Nimar report outbreaks of cow-pox and hoof disease among cattle. Rinderpest continues to prevail in the Gardarwara tahsil of Narsingapur, but it is not yet considered dangerous.

H. E. LADY SANDHURST, who reached London on the 14th ult., is expected to return to Bombay in November next.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Strachey, presiding at a sitting of the Insolvency Court, yesterday, adjudicated a Hindu cotton merchant, named Jeypal Tejpal, an insolvent. The merchant, having met with reverses in the cotton trade, had stopped payment on the 25th ult., but had, with a view to defraud the general body of creditors, assigned his outstandings to certain creditors of his choice.

AT a meeting of the Municipal Standing Committee, held yesterday, Dr. Balchandra was re-elected chairman of that body for the ensuing year.

MR. P. C. H. SNOW, the Acting Municipal Commissioner, we are glad to learn has been able to go out after the recent accident which confined him to his room for several days, and was present at the meeting of the Standing Committee yesterday.

MR. J. LEASK, Assistant Health Officer, is appointed acting Municipal Secretary during the absence of Mr. Borrow for three months on privilege leave. The names of Messrs. W. Pearson and N. B. Masani were also proposed at the meeting of the Standing Committee yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Leask gained a majority.

WE are sorry to learn of the death, yesterday, of Mr. Alexander Murphy, Instructor in Gunnery, on board the turretship Magdala, now in harbour, from the effects of the bursting of a blood vessel. He joined the Navy in 1879, and was at the time of his death thirty-nine years of age. He was buried last evening at the Sewree Cemetery with due Naval honours. All the Government vessels now lying in harbour carried their flags half-mast high as a mark of respect to the deceased.

THE *Madras Mail* of Monday says: News has been received in Madras to-day of the death at Winchester of Lieutenant-Colonel Sidney Smith, an officer who a short time ago was well known in Madras, where he occupied for several years the post of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways. Colonel Sidney Smith left this Presidency on furlough in 1890; and, on his return to India was posted to Assam, and subsequently to Lucknow. Towards the end of last year, sudden illness compelled him to proceed to Europe, and his death, from internal cancer, at the age of 48, is now announced. He had made many friends in Madras through his kind and genial disposition, and much sympathy will be felt for his widow—a daughter of Colonel Shalter Hunt, and a sister of Mr. George Hunt, of the Madras Police—and child in their bereavement. Colonel Sidney Smith ent

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN ABYSSINIA.

EVACUATION OF KASSALA ORDERED.

LONDON, APRIL 8.

Colonel Slade has been attached unofficially to the Staff of General Baldissera in Abyssinia.

The garrison of Kassala on the 3rd inst. attacked and partially captured the Dervish forts at Tucruf.

General Baldissera has since ordered the garrison to evacuate Kassala and retire to Agordat.

ROME, APRIL 8.

The Italian loss at Kassala on the 3rd instant was ten officers and three hundred men.

The Commandant was confident of being able to capture the remainder of the Dervish positions the next day, but was ordered to evacuate.

INDIAN TROOPS FOR SUAKIN.

LONDON, APRIL 8.

The *Daily News* states that it has reason to believe that Indian troops are being held in readiness to sail for Suakin if necessary.

THE MATABELE REVOLT.

Latest advices from Matabeleland state that Gifford's Horse yesterday engaged and drove back the Matabele. The fighting continues.

THE YUSUF-UD-DIN CASE.

MR. SCHORN'S STATEMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

UMBALLA, APRIL 8.

The hearing of the case against Yusuf-ud-Din was again proceeded with, yesterday, before Captain Parsons.

Mr. W. C. Schorn, the Record Keeper, was further examined by Mr. Henderson, Government Advocate. He said: The Babu told him he would give him Rs. 600 or Rs. 700, or any other sum he named, and would give witness an allowance of Rs. 250 a month. If anything happened, such as his losing his appointment, he would give him three times the amount of his pay for life. The Babu asked witness when he should come for a reply—that evening or next morning. Witness said "Come to-morrow morning." The Babu again reassured witness, saying there was no fear and left, promissing to call next morning. On witness getting to his office that day he reported the matter at once in writing to his Registrar. It was arranged that Inspector Langley, of the Simla Police, should overhear the rest of the conversation next day. In accordance with these plans the said Inspector went to Mr. Schorn's house, at about 5-30 a.m., next day, and was concealed in a bath-room adjoining the room in which it was arranged that the conversation with the Babu should be held. The Babu came in at about 7-45 a.m. Witness asked the Babu to specify exactly what arrangements he wanted, and asked if the information required was about Patiala or Cooch Behar.

The Babu replied that it had no reference to either of these, but about the Nizam that he wished to have information. He wanted to know everything that the Foreign Office wrote to the Resident at Hyderabad about the Nizam. On being asked what assurance he would give witness that the promised consideration would be paid, witness said he would undertake to give it to him in writing and have it sealed with the seal of Hyderabad, and that he should get Rs. 600 down. On being questioned if the secretary was a European, the Babu said: "No, he is a Mahomedan."

Counsel for the defence objected to the next question asked by the counsel for the prosecution on the ground that it was a leading question. The question was—Did Gopal Chandar say whether he was acting on his own behalf or on some one else's behalf? The objection was overruled. Witness replied that the Babu went on to say that he was an agent, and that he had been an agent for only a very short time on behalf of somebody who wanted the information. He said that information of a similar nature had been obtained previously from the Foreign Office about Hyderabad matters. When asked by whom such information had been supplied he said that he could not tell, but he had heard so. Asked to put down in writing all the offers that he made, the Babu said he could not do it there, but asked witness to come up to his house and settle matters there, saying he lived at Gay Lodge, a house above the one occupied by witness. Witness declined to go to the Babu's house. It began to rain, and as witness thought the conversation could no longer be heard by Langley, he asked no more questions. The room the parties were in was on an upper storey, and had a corrugated iron roof. When the conversation ceased, Mr. Langley stepped out from the bath-room and arrested the Babu, telling him he did so on a charge of bribing a Government servant. Mr. Langley, witness said, had made certain notes in his note-book of the conversation which he had overheard at the time, and showed it to the Babu to whom he mentioned that he had noted the conversation. Mr. Langley produced his note-book and read from it parts of the conversation he had therein recorded. It was then that the Babu said he had merely come to Mr. Schorn to ask him for an appointment. Witness did not go through all the notes Mr. Langley had taken, but in the Babu's presence Langley compared the notes he had in his book with witness's impressions, and witness said at the time that the notes agreed with his impressions.

Witness was then asked: Did the Babu say anything to explain who the person was, if any, whom he was acting for? This was objected to by counsel for the defence on the ground that it was a leading question. The objection was overruled by the court.

Witness said the Babu told him he was an agent, and that he wanted this information for a Hyderabad man. He mentioned no names, nor did he give any particulars. Witness said he had never seen this Babu before.

Mr. Schorn was then cross-examined by Mr. Inverarity and said no one was present at the conversation which took place on the 12th June except himself and the Babu, nor was anybody present on the second occasion but the Babu and himself, Langley, the policeman, of course, being in the bath-room. When examined before Captain Beadon he did make the statement that the Babu said he was the agent of a man in Hyderabad and that he had been so employed for only a very short time. He did not say whose agent he was. He did not say before Captain Beadon that the Babu said he wanted the information for a Hyderabadi, nor did witness say he did not know the name of the Babu either on the 12th or the 13th June. In his report to his superior he put down everything that occurred on the 12th June. He made no written report of what occurred on the 13th.

Re-examined, witness said: When he said he didn't say whose agent he was he meant that he didn't mention any names. He was not asked in Captain Beadon's court any question as to whether the Babu had said he wanted the information for a Hyderabadi.

Mr. Langely, Deputy Inspector of Police, Simla, stated that he was well within hearing during the interview between Mr. Schorn and Gopal Chandar on the 13th June at the latter's house, and corroborated the statement of Mr. Schorn as to what had occurred.—(*Proceeding.*)

REPORTED RISING ON THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

SIMLA, APRIL 8.

Reports are current here that a more or less serious rising has taken place near Roshan on the Afghan Frontier. The intelligence, however, so far lacks official confirmation.

THE NEW MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

It is notified in a *Gazette of India* Extraordinary that Mr. Chalmers has taken over charge as an ordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council to-day.

TELEGRAPH TO GILGIT.

The branch telegraph line to Kohala has just been completed. This will very materially facilitate telegraphic communication with Gilgit.

COLONEL MASSEY'S RETIREMENT.

Colonel Massey is permitted to reside out of India.

THE SETTLEMENT OF UNCULTURABLE LAND.

In accordance with orders of the Secretary of State, a bill will be drafted immediately to provide for the assessment and settlement of unculturable land throughout British India.

PERSO-BALUCHISTAN FRONTIER DELIMITATION.

The delimitation of the Perso-Baluch boundary is proceeding very satisfactorily.

Colonel Holdich, the British Agent, expects to finish the demarcation and return to Kelat about the 20th April.

DACOITY IN BELGAUM.

POONA, APRIL 8.

Two men and six women, of the Berad caste, were convicted of committing dacoity in the village of Deshnoor, some time back, at the Belgaum Sessions. One man was sentenced to transportation for life, and the other to two years' rigorous, and the six women to one year's rigorous imprisonment each.

HEAVY THUNDERSTORM IN POONA.

Heavy thunderstorm, with smart showers of rain lasting some hours, passed over Poona this evening.

INDIAN MEDICAL REFORM.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 8.

A highly influential and representative meeting was held in the British Indian Association Rooms, on the 30th March, on the Indian Medical Reform, Raja Peary Mohun Mookerjee, C.S.I., presiding. Dr. Bahadurjee, from Bombay, delivered an eloquent and exhaustive address. The *elite* of the independent medical profession was present. The meeting was of opinion that the two Military Medical Services should be amalgamated, and the Civil Medical Service separated from the Military Medical Service, and the status of Assistant Surgeons improved and placed upon the same footing with the Subordinate Executive and Judicial Services. The meeting appointed Dr. Bahadurjee as Delegate to England to ventilate the question before the British public and to give evidence before the Royal Commission.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, APRIL 7.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Forbes arrived here the day before yesterday evening.

LIVERPOOL, APRIL 7.

The Hall Line steamer Kirby Hall arrived here yesterday evening.

LISBON, APRIL 7.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Golconda passed here this evening.

PLYMOUTH, APRIL 7.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Khedive arrived here this evening.

SUEZ, APRIL 7.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Ballaarat arrived here, from Colombo, this morning.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Malta arrived here, from Colombo, yesterday evening.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macarthur, from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, farrived here yesterday morning.

COLOMBO, APRIL 8.

Mail steamer Rome, from Australia, arrived.

The Florio and Rubattino Co.'s steamer Dominico Baldinno, Captain O. Campa, left Aden, for Bombay, on the evening of the 8th inst., and is expected to be in Bombay on the 13th inst.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 7.

2½ per cent. Consols	110
3 per cent. Rentes	101
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	119½
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	63 13-16
Bar Silver	31 1-8

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

APRIL 8.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran perfect. Via Turkey, interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, interrupted.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, interrupted. Via Blanco perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St Vincent, perfect.

Turkish Route interrupted beyond Bagdad.

Cable Perim Massoua interrupted. During interruption Man-of-War will leave Perim about every other day.

Amoor route interrupted between Blagowestschensk and Wladivostock.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of foreign messages, received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24h ours ending at 8 p.m., of the 8th April, 1896.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates.				Time occupied in transmission.	
	D.	H.	M.		Hours	Minutes.
Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teheran	8	2	17	p.m.	...	22
Suez	8	3	0	p.m.	...	7

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 8th April, 1896.

	Maximum Time.		Minimum Time.	
	H.	M.	H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	42	...	4
" Karachi	...	23	...	3
" Madras	...	39	...	1

THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT.—APRIL 7.

10 p.m.	84·1

WEDNESDAY.—APRIL 8.

6 a.m.	81·4
10 a.m.	88·3
2 p.m.	89·4
4 p.m.	87·4

THE inhabitants of the Isle of Wight (says *Truth*) are desirous to erect by public subscription a monument to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg as having occupied the post of Governor of their island. To this there can be no objection, but when it is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a red granite obelisk, and be erected in Carisbrooke Castle, it seems to me that a protest should be lodged against erecting anything so inappropriate and incongruous to the architecture of that picturesque old ruin. An obelisk is neither English nor German. If the idea of one finds favour in the Isle of Wight, at least it would be well to carry out the idea in some spot where this monstrosity does not interfere with any architectural or antiquarian surroundings.

THE editor of *To-day* is responsible for the following:—"A story about my irrepressible friend Mr. Rudyard Kipling reaches me from the other side—with variations, of course. Roughly speaking, comes to this: Kipling wrote a story for the *Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadephia. One chapter ended: 'He tossed off a glass of old Madeira, and left the room.' The editor of the *Journal* wired Kipling: 'Forbidden to mention wine in paper. Please change to something else.' Kipling wired back, 'Try Mellin's Food.'"

AFFAIRS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

PAST AND PRESENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The position of affairs in Cape Colony is likely to be very perplexing and dangerous, unless the rising of the Matabele at Buluwayo is promptly put a stop to. The whole of the Bush country along the coast during the last eleven years, from Kaffir land on the east to Mossel Bay to the westward, has been covered with Kaffir locations, and the Kaffirs swarm in great numbers now within the Colony. This has resulted from stupid class legislation.

A number of farmers, Dutch and English, managed in 1886 to get a law passed, by which any farmer who kept more than five adult Kaffirs on his farm would be liable to have his farm called a location, and would come under the Location Act, and be liable to be saddled with the expense of being made to pay for the maintenance of a Supervisor of Locations. The Boers or farmers got this law promulgated, in the hope of checking cattle-lifting, and sheep-stealing, and cattle-thefts generally. It is the creed of the Kaffir not to steal from his master, but he does not consider his master's neighbour's cattle and sheep at all sacred, and steals from them accordingly; but the result of this legislation was taken advantage of by some clever people to turn their farms into locations, and invite the Kaffirs to occupy them. I was residing at that time about eighteen miles from the large town of Port Elizabeth, having some farms in that locality, and the formation of a location by Mr. James Kirkwood on his farm on the Sundays River, in proximity to my lands, very soon brought it home to my mind that a small Kaffirland was established in my vicinity, for in a short time between two and three thousand Kaffirs had assembled there. Mr. Kirkwood was a very enterprising man, and set a centrifugal pump at work on the reaches of water on the Sundays River, by which a large expanse of ground could be irrigated, and the Kaffirs could irrigate their *mealies* (Indian corn) and pumpkin lands with great ease. It suited the Kaffirs exactly, for they were thus able to make their women cultivate in their gardens, whilst they kept up their old customs of acting as the lords of the creation, doing no manual work, except looking after their cattle, milking, and shooting or snaring the wild Bush bucks with which the country abounds. Being a Member of the Cape Legislative Assembly, my constituents, the Dutch farmers, were continually coming to me, complaining of the nuisance that this and other locations in the neighbourhood caused them, creating much alarm. They stated they did not trust the Kaffirs, as they had become, owing to their increased numbers, very saucy and insolent; and they did not know, if during their temporary absences from home, that their wives and children might not be murdered. A good number of farmers in consequence left the Bush Veldt, but as yet nothing untoward has happened. It can scarcely be understood how these very large districts are governed, for there are very few police. For instance, the district of Ustenbage, which has an area of 60,000 square miles, and a town of 4,600 inhabitants, has only a gaoler and twelve policemen, and the district duties are performed by eighteen mounted policemen. It is quite marvellous how order is maintained, but the magistrates are assisted by "Veldt Cornets" and justices of the peace, who are authorised to swear in their servants or dependents as special constables on any emergency arising to assist in the apprehension of criminals. But the country along the coast line is covered with Bush, which is in parts almost impenetrable owing to the prevalence of a kind of thorn which hooks on to one's clothing, and which the Dutch have nicknamed the "Uacht een beetjee," or "stop a little."

Mr. Selous, the energetic gentleman who is at the head of affairs in Matabele land now, met me once in Port Elizabeth, and said that he heard there were a lot of elephants on my farms, and asked if he might come out and do some shooting. I, of course, invited him to come, telling him that on the previous day my people had counted sixty-nine big elephants, but they could not tell how many small ones there were in the herd. At a certain season of the year the elephants used to come down from the Zuur Berg Mountains, and "addo" to the Coega River, on which my farms were situated, in order to get food for their young calves, and graze on the "Knowie Boom" and "Speck Boom," or fat tree, which are both very succulent and which the elephants are very fond of. After spending about two months in that locality, and giving an infinity of trouble by scaring the shepherds and cow herds, the elephants go back to the mountains. However, Mr. Selous in due time arrived, and after breakfast he and his two companions went down to the river, taking their guns with them. About three hours afterwards, they returned, as there was no prospect of shooting elephants, the jungle being impracticable, just high enough to enable the elephants to see you, whereas you had great difficulty in seeing them, and they could attack you suddenly. It was altogether too risky a business, so he packed up his guns and returned to Port Elizabeth. I have digressed in telling this story, in order to explain the nature of the country along the coasts of the Colony, in which the Cape Legislature have allowed these Kaffir locations to be organised. I can sympathise very sincerely with the farmers, both Dutch and English, in the Eastern provinces of Cape Colony, who are in a state of alarm at what is occurring at Buluwayo. The Kaffirs within the Colony are obliged to wear trousers and shirts when they frequent the colonial towns, but the moment they get back to their locations, they discard these garments of civilisation, and put on their *karosses*, or skin blankets, in which they think they look very lordly.

I cannot help thinking that there has been some disturbance within the Colony, for it has been for a long time predicted; they have not abjured their warlike customs, as is seen from the fact that when the time comes round for the ceremony of circumcision to be performed, and the young men are supposed to have emerged into adolescence, and become "Amaquato," or warriors, they regularly go into camp and dress themselves with short red petticoats, perform scouting, and keep regular watches, and organize surprises amongst themselves, and go generally through all the evolutions and discipline of a Kaffir's war education, which includes being able to endure hunger and thirst. After these ordeals they are supposed to be fit to take a wife if they can buy one, and commence cattle-lifting on their own account. One of the members of the Cape Legislative Council endeavoured to suppress these assemblies of the "Amaquato," but I do not know if he succeeded. He objected to it on account of the quantity of the Kaffir beer and honey beer that was consumed on these occasions, and sought to make them illegal, not because it kept up the martial ardour of the Kaffirs.

I was a Justice of the Peace for my ward Coega, the river on which my farms were situated, and one day a tenant of the name of Nicholas Oosthenzern, who rented a farm from me, came to report that he had lost four heifers, and that he could not trace their "spoor," or foot marks, as the ground was so hard, but that there were Kaffirs, who were known to be cattle thieves, residing on the adjoining farm of Sand Fontein. I told him he had better try and obtain some trace of the animals, and I would have the thieves caught. Two days afterwards there was a heavy thunderstorm, and my tenant Nicholas came again, and said that three of the heifers had returned home, and his son had gone on the return "spoor" or the tracks of these heifers, and he was quite sure they had come from Sand Fontein. So I collected some men and went over to Sand Fontein, where I found in the middle of the thick Bush a lot of Kaffir huts, and some pots on the fires in which meat was being boiled. We could make nothing of this discovery as the Kaffirs assented that they had purchased the meat in Ustenhage, a town six miles distant. Being, however, of an enquiring turn of mind, and feeling rather nonplussed, I rode on to the top of a little hillock, and, looking down over the Bush, I saw some smoke rising, and it occurred to me there might be some more cooking going on there. I, therefore, went down, and following a blind pathway, I found another hut, and an old Kaffir and his wife also boiling meat. I was questioning them as to where they got the meat from, when my pointer bitch, "Belle," made a scuffling and scratching inside the hut, and on looking I saw she was tugging at the skin of an animal. I called out, and the people on coming indentified the skin and horn as those of Nicholas Oosthenzern's lost heifer, that had been slaughtered. I, therefore, collected the meat and the skin and horns of the heifer, had it put into baskets, and made the women carry it all to the magistrate in Ustenhage, and the parties concerned were duly convicted and punished. This discovery led to several other cattle thefts being proved against this lot of Kaffirs. I forget to mention that when approaching the huts, two men, who were at work in the Bush; the moment they saw me ran away. I learnt that a man of the name of Jantjee, a notorious cattle thief, had his wife and hut in the Bush, so I deputed two men in the middle of the night to watch near the hut, and in the morning seize him, as I considered he was nearly sure to return to his wife at night. My suspicions were correct, and he was seized; but after being convicted and being conveyed in the train to the Breakwater in Cape Town, this hero of cattle-lifters jumped from the carriage, and got clear off.

Your telegram mentioning that five thousand men have been ordered to be sent to the Cape has astonished me, as the British Government have hitherto been contented to hold dominion over this enormous territory without paying for its protection—indeed, there is only one English Regiment in the country, at Cape Town. It is scarcely credible that from the borders of Natal on the east to the mouths of the Orange River on the west coast, a distance of sea-board of upwards of 2,000 miles, that one Regular Regiment of Infantry represents our sole Military Force. Natal is a separate Colony. However, there are at King William's town in Kaffirland 350 of the Cape Mounted Police paid for by the Colony. At Graham's town there is a small force of Volunteer Artillery and four guns, and at Port Elizabeth, the greatest Emporium for trade in the Colony, where there is the terminus of a great railway system, there is a Volunteer Regiment, called "Prince Alfred's Rifles," 250 strong. They have proved themselves very efficient in Border conflicts. At Ustenhage, twenty miles distant from Port Elizabeth, where there is a large number of railway workshops, there is also a force of about 200 Volunteers under Captain Thornton, the Superintendent of the Locomotive establishment. I tried to get the Ustenhage Volunteers' two guns, as the town is situated in the middle of the Bush, but failed. At Cape Town, as before stated, there is one English Infantry Regiment and some Garrison Artillery, and also two Regiments of Volunteers. Your telegram saying that 5,000 British troops are to be despatched to the Cape is cheering news, but it is a great pity that it has not been despatched from Bombay under General Gatacre, instead of from England. If there is to be any contest with the Transvaal, the Native troops being employed would less accentuate the race animosities which the Dutch still cherish. Besides, the Indian troops are more mobile, cost less, are more easily fed, and better equipped to take the field and enter on campaign at once.

No wonder need be expressed at other nations looking with greedy eyes and coveting Cape Colony and its Diamond fields and Gold fields, and our large and extensive dominion. They know there is no force to speak of in the large territory to protect it, and the withdrawal of our troops has a good deal to do with the attitude of Oom Paul Kruger and the Transvaalers. The English Government have been trying to govern alien races without troops to uphold and enforce our power. The English race is numerically small in Cape Colony, and the Kaffirs and Dutch predominate.—Yours, &c.,

J. P. NIXON, MAJOR-GENERAL.

MILITARY NEWS.

COLONEL A. G. CREAGH, R. A., officiates in command of the Bombay District.

COLONEL W. C. BLACK, 1st Bombay Grenadiers, officiates as A. A.-G., Head-quarters, Bombay command.

CAPTAIN J. A. L. HOLDAM, 1st Gordon Highlanders, is appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Lieutenant-General Sir William Lockhart, commanding the forces, Punjab.

THE following appointments have been made:—19th Punjab Infantry: 2nd-Lieutenant F. T. Duhan to be officiating Wing officer on transfer from the 24th Punjab Infantry. 12th Madras Infantry: Lieutenants L. H. Bicketts and W. W. F. C. Musgrave, to be Adjutant and Quartermaster, respectively. 29th Bombay Infantry: Major A. L. Sinclair, D. S. O., from the 27th Bombay Infantry to be Commandant. 2nd-Lieutenant A. G. M. Hogg, from 22nd Bombay Infantry, to be officiating Wing officer.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN THE N. W. P.

THE NEW QUALIFICATION RULES.

THE following order of the High Court, dated the 31st March, appears in the Provincial "Gazette" of last Saturday:—

On the 1st January 1899 the following rule will be substituted for rule 191 of the Rules of the 30th November 1889 and will take effect from that tate:—

191. Any person holding (a) a certificate of the Registrar of the Allahabad University that the degree of LL.B. of the University has been conferred upon him and that such degree was conferred upon him on his having actually obtained not less than fifty per centum of the aggregate marks obtainable at the examination and that before being examined for that degree he had passed an examination for the degree of B.A. of the said University of a standard not lower than the standard for such examination in force on the first of January 1890, and had after passing such examination for the degree of B.A. attended not less than 75 per centum of the lectures; in law delivered during two consecutive annual courses taken together in a college affiliated to the said University, or, (b) a certificate of qualification as a Vakil of the High Court granted under the Rules of the Court relating to Legal Practioners, and who is not under suspention may, within one year, or such further time as the Chief Justice and Judges present for the time being in Allahabad may for any special reason allow, from the date of such certificate, apply to be admitted to the Roll of Vakils of the Court.

Provided always that, unless the Chief Justice and Judges then present in Allahabad shall in any special case otherwise direct, no applicant shall be admitted to the Roll of Vakils of the Court until he shall have satisfied the Chief Justice and Judges that he has a competent knowledge of Hindustani (Urdu) and can speak it fluently.

THE British Consul at Ispahan in a recent report on the trade of the Yezd district, mentions that, next to the cultivation and weaving of silk, the most important industry there is the production of *henna* and *reng*, two dyes used from ancient times all over the East in the adornment of the person. They are applied to the nails, hands, feet, and hair, for it is dyed bright red or black. *Henna* is the *Lawsonia inermis* of botany, and grows wild in the Bam district of Persia. In some places it is used for dyeing woollen fabrics yellow or brown, when alum and sulphate of iron are employed. *Reng* seems to be a species of wood (*isatis tinctoria*), which is cultivated in Bam; but, unlike *henna*, which is a shrub, *reng* is an annual. It produces a deep black dye, and is the hairdye of the country. The treatment of both is the same. The leaf is pulverised in mills which form a feature of life in Yezd. There are 35 of them in the town, with an average of two stones each, which are cut from the flint-rock in the mountains of Mehriz, about 36 miles off. They are usually 8ft. in diameter by about 2ft. thick, and the whole mill is worked by a camel. About 2¼ cwt. a day of the leaf can be crushed, three camels taking it in turns. When ground to fine powder the *henna* is packed in bags of 25 drachms each and is exported to all parts of Persia and the Caucasus. When prepared it costs 2d. to 3d. per lb., the cheapest quality finding its way into the wilds of Kurdistan, the finest into the palaces of Teheran. The *henna* bags are packed in native cotton cloth, printed entirely by hand with pure vegetable dyes. The reason why plain cloth is not used is that in the uncivilized places to which much of the *henna* goes the poor purchasers are glad to have prints which they can use in many ways, and can, if they wish, readily sell. The prints when finished costs three farthings a yard.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE usual weekly meeting of the Standing Committee was held, yesterday afternoon, when there were present: Messrs. R. H. Vincent, T. W. Cuffe, S. Rebsch, Ebrahim Rahimtula, Hurkisondas Narotumdas, K. M. Shroff, K. N. Kabraji, Fazulbhoy Visram, the Hon. Mr. Abdulla M. Dharamsi, Drs. Katrak and A. G. Viegas, and Mr. P. C. H. Snow, Acting Commissioner.

The chair was given to Mr. S. Rebsch, on the motion of Mr. Dharamsi, seconded by Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtula.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The first business being the election of the Chairman, Mr. Dharamsi, in accordance with a notice of motion, moved that Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna be reappointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. He said that he felt great pleasure in submitting the proposition to the meeting which, he ventured to say, would meet with the hearty concurrence of the members. (Applause.) He thought he was giving expression to the general feelings and views of the members of the Committee, when he said that during the past year, when Dr. Bhalchandra had been the Chairman of the Committee, he discharged the onerous and responsible duties appertaining to that high office with marked ability, and to the great satisfaction of them all. (Applause.) Dr. Bhalchandra, in accepting the office last year, had to make great sacrifices, for, as they all knew, he had a very large practice in the profession, of which he was a worthy member. He had attended every meeting of the Committee. (Applause.) Dr. Bhalchandra, besides attending the meetings and guiding the conduct of their business, had to lay the various propositions and recommendations of the Committee before the Corporation, which required a close study of the different questions. He did not know why it should fall to the lot of the chairman to submit all such proposals to the Corporation, but since that had been the practice observed for some years past, it would be well if members would take up some of these proposals and relieve the chairman to a great extent. (Hear, hear.) Last year, when Dr. Bhalchandra was placed in the chair, Mr. Dharamsi remembered having heard him say that, although his accepting the office of the chairman involved a certain amount of sacrifice, he would try to discharge the duties to the best of his abilities; and he thought that Dr. Bhalchandra had surpassed all their best and highest expectations. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Dr. Viegas seconded the proposition with very great pleasure. He believed the Committee was unanimous in believing that Dr. Bhalchandra had fulfilled the duties of his office in an extremely able manner, and as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services during the year they must appoint him to that high office once more as their chairman. (Applause.)

The proposition was put to vote, and carried unanimously amidst applause.

Mr. Rebsch, shaking hands with Dr. Bhalchandra and giving him the chair, congratulated him upon his being re-elected their chairman.

Dr. Bhalchandra, in taking the chair amidst applause, tendered the Committee his most hearty thanks for the honour they had done him in again electing him their chairman. As was observed by him last year when he was given the chair for the first time, he sincerely wished that the office had been given to some other member of the Committee, who was better qualified than he. ("No, no.") Last year he had responded to the call of duty, and as it was the unanimous wish of the members that he should continue to fill the office for a further period of one year, he readily and cheerfully met their wishes. (Applause.) As remarked by Mr. Dharamsi, he was able to attend all the meetings of the Committee last year, and hoped to do the same during the current year. Though the duties of the chair were onerous and responsible to a great extent, they were considerably lightened by the hearty co-operation of members and the kind support of their worthy Commissioner and the ever-ready and cordial assistance rendered by Mr. Barrow, the Secretary. (Applause.) In conclusion, the chairman welcomed the two new members, Mr. Kabraji and Dr. Katrak. The former was one of their old colleagues, while the second, though entirely new to that body, was a gentleman well-versed in matters of sanitation and the health of the city. (Applause.)

CONVERSION OF A TANK INTO A PUBLIC PARK.

The Committee considered letter to the Secretary, No. 26,708, dated the 31st ultimo, from the Commissioner, reporting, with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 13,420, dated the 13th February, 1896, as to the means of providing for the cost of filling in the Babula Tank, and its conversion into a public park.

On the motion of Mr. Cuffe, it was resolved to recommend the Corporation to sanction the cost of the filling in of the tank and conversion of the same into a public park, the charge to be met by loan funds.

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

The Committee discussed "in camera" the letter to the Chairman from the Commissioner expressing his opinion on the question of the appointment of an Acting Municipal Secretary. Mr. J. Leask, Assistant Health Officer, Mr. W. Pearson, Revenue and Refund Officer, and Mr. Nanabhoy R. Masani were duly proposed and seconded for the office, and after some discussion Mr. Leask was appointed acting Secretary, during Mr. Barrow's absence on privilege leave for three months.

UNAUTHORISED EXCESSES.

The Committee discussed letter to the Secretary, No. 26,707, dated the 31st ultimo, from the Commissioner, requesting sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation to the grant of Rs. 3,000, from Surplus Cash Balance, to meet the excess in the grants for 1895-96, for repairs to carts under the heading "Conservancy" and "Halalkhor" Branches.

The Committee then recommended the Corporation to sanction the grant, stating that the Committee were informed by the Commissioner that he would take steps with a view to prevent the recurrence of these excesses, and he had intimated to those officers that, in the event of future excesses being unauthorisedly incurred, they would be held personally responsible.

After transacting some more business, the Committee adjourned.

DEPARTURE OF THE R. I. M. S. CLIVE.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Clive, under the command of Captain F. M. Barwick, will sail, today, for England, with 19 officers, 7 ladies, and 15 children, 433 non-commissioned officers and men, 72 women, and 160 children; she calls at Aden on her way home and disembarks 43 men rank-and-file, 5 women, and 6 children, and embarks 2 officers. The following are the names of the officers:—

FROM BOMBAY TO ENGLAND.

Col J Walker and daughter, R A	Lieut and Mrs C J Windham and infant, I S Corps
Surg-Major H A H Charlton, A M Staff	Lieut H G Bann, I S Corps
Surg-Major T B Moffitt, A M Staff	Lieut W J H de Montmorency, D C L I
Major and Mrs W H Frith and infant, R A	Lieut S H E Nicholas, I S Corps
Vety-Major and Mrs J W Evans, A V Dept	Lieut G M Morris, I S Corps
Capt J R Langley, R A	Lieut W J K Rettie, R A
Lieut and Mrs R A Bragg and 4 children, P W Dept	Lieut E P Miner, R I Regt
Lieut and Mrs G R Bloxg and 5 children, South Stafford	Lieut H G Geary, R A
Lieut F G Fuller, R E	Lieut A K Rawlins, I S Corps
	2nd Lieut H H Spronle, East Surrey
	Wife of Capt S M Renny and 3 children, R A

FROM ADEN TO ENGLAND.

Capt C E Reynolds, R A	2nd Lieut H T Hart, R A

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

AT a sitting of the Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Strachey disposed of the following matters:—

RE TALAKCHAND HARNATH AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvents, applied for an interim order. The Official Assignee informed the Judge that the insolvents had done nothing in the matter of their insolvency; and his lordship in consequence refused the extension of the interim order asked for.

RE ISMAIL MAHOMED.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of the insolvent, applied for leave to amend the schedule and to serve notices. His lordship granted the application.

RE JEWAJEE NATHUBHOY AND OTHERS.

On the application of Mr. Manker, the insolvents were granted two months' extension of their interim order.

RE HAROON HAJEE ESSA.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, asked for two months' extension of the interim order, which was granted.

RE DWARKADAS GUNGADAS.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, asked for a month's extension of the interim order, with leave to service notices. The application was granted.

RE JEYPAL SEJPAL.

The Hon. Mr. Lang, instructed by Messrs. Matubhoy and Jamietram, on behalf of a creditor, moved for an adjudication as an insolvent, remarking that the trader was a cotton merchant, and having met with reverses, had stopped payment on the 25th ultimo, but had, with a view to defraud the general body of creditors, assigned the outstandings to certain creditors of his choice. His lordship declared the trader an insolvent, and ordered him to file his schedule within thirty days.

RE ERNEST ROBERT TRIM.

On the application of Mr. Manker, the insolvent was granted the usual interim order.

THE EGYPTIAN ARMY OF TO-DAY.

IN view of the conflict shortly to be expected on the Egyptian frontier, writes a "Pioneer" correspondent, it will be interesting to consider the strength of the contending Powers and the organisation and distribution of their forces.

The "debacle" of 1882 left Egypt without an army which it was necessary to re-create. But it is always more difficult to construct than destroy—how much more, only those know who had to face the uphill task. The army of 1882 was practically limited to 6,000 men, but this has grown, as little by little the value of the new troops was discovered, till, in 1887, the present limits were reached. The great difficulty was the officers' question; for the officers of the old Egyptian army were naturally not a satisfactory body of men, and until cadets could be trained in the military schools it was difficult to replace them. The system adopted was a modified conscription. That is to say, out of the number so available each year a certain proportion would be chosen by lot. From these were exempted bread-winners, theological students, and many other classes. It is said that the proportion of exemptions was sometimes as high as 45 per cent. The terms of service are six years in the army, five in the police, and four in the reserve. The recruit does not join as a rule till 23 years of age. This system did not at first apply to the inhabitants of the great towns nor to the Soudanese population resident in Egypt. Little by little the work done began to show fruit. The recruit, well fed, well clothed, and regularly if not well paid, no longer dreads the conscription as worse than death. Exempted men have frequently been known to offer themselves for enlistment, preferring military service to the daily toil of the fellah; and in this year of grace the utmost contentment and good feeling prevails amongst all ranks. Ginnis, Suakin, Toski, Tokar soon showed that the new Egyptian soldier was under good direction, capable of a certain steady enduring valour. His character has been well summed up. "Initiative the Egyptian has not; decision he has not; but placed in a position in which he must quickly commit himself on a question of life or death, he, with confidence in his commander, will endure with fortitude." The Egyptain cavalry is recruited solely from the fellaheen or peasantry of the delta. Very few of the recruits have ever been on a horse before joining, and do not shape well for horsemen. The seat is stiff and constrained and the hands leave much to be desired, but it is rare to see a man thrown or one who cannot manage his horse. The arms are—front rank, lance, all swords and carbine carried on the saddle. The horse used is the Syrian Arab, a most enduring and fearless animal, but somewhat inclined to "take hold" in his gallop. The winter dress of the man is a blue lancer tunic with black puttees. In summer khaki is worn. Owing to frequent changes of commanders and other causes the cavalry has perhaps not quite kept up with the sister arms. Still much good work has been done lately. The scouting is now intelligently performed, and the riding and gallop in line much improved. It is perhaps to be regretted that the services of officers accustomed to Native Cavalry were not requisitioned in the first instance from India. It is work which has a cachet of its own, to which the regular officers take some time to get accustomed. Major Burn-Murdoch, Royal Dragoons, is in command of the cavalry, and has with him Captain Legge, 20th Hussars; Captain Mahon, 8th Hussars, and Captain Adams, 2nd Dragoons. It is usual to have an English officer at each of the principal stations of the Egyptian army, while the headquarters are at Cairo.

Artillery.—The artillery is the arm which perhaps shows to best effect the training of the English officer. The Egyptian has always shown special aptitude for the duties of a gunner. At Alexandria, with indifferent leadership and material, he stood manfully to his guns. And now the strong alert fellah thoroughly well trained by his English officers, shows a devotion to his work which it would be hard to equal. The technical work of the gunner, with its thousand details, seems admirably adapted

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE Viceroy, Lady Elgin and Lady Elizabeth Bruce reached the Bodyguard Lines at Dehra at 5-35 p.m. on Saturday, having lunched at Mahand at 3. They were met by an escort of the Dehra Dun Mounted Rifle, under Major Leslie Rogers, near the Bindal, and were escorted by them through the City and Civil Station. The Viceroy inspected the escort and congratulated them on their splendid turn out.

COLONEL MEIKLEJOHN, commanding the troops in the Tochi Valley, officiates as Colonel on the Staff at Fyzabad, while Colonel A. H. Turner acts in command of the Bundelkhand District. Colonel Gaselee, 5th Gurkhas, officiates as Colonel on the Staff at Cawnpore.

A SERIOUS fire occurred at Naini Tal on Sunday, the old "Secretariat" being completely burned out. The building was being used as the Diocesan Boys' School, the Lieutenant-Governor being in occupation of the Sherwood Boys' High School. The scholars are housed temporarily in the Volunteer Club, but their ultimate disposal is likely to be a difficult matter as there are no large buildings vacant in Naini Tal.

MR. E. B. STEEDMAN, Deputy Commissioner of Simla, retires from the service directly. Mr. R. G. Thomson, as already stated, succeeds to the post in November. Meanwhile Mr. Beckett from Rawalpindi will officiate, Captain Beadon holding charge until his arrival.

THE suit which was instituted against Government and Colonel Scott, Commanding 11th Bengal Lancers, by Sardar Gurmukh Singh, of Rawalpindi, to recover Rs. 1,60,000 for damages in connection with the breach of an alleged lease of the Margala Bakh in the Rawalpindi district, has been dismissed *in toto*, with costs.

IT is rumoured in Pondicherry that Monsieur Fontaneilles, the French engineer who was lately sent out from France to superintend the construction of the Karrikal-Peralom Railway, and to report upon the past and present railway operations of the French-Indian Colonies, has been instructed to draw up a scheme for re-organising the Colonial Public Works Department, and that he will submit a project in time for discussion and disposal before M. Clement Thomas leaves India.

IT is understood not to be the intention of Government to inflict fines on the inhabitants of the localities concerned in the last Moplah outbreak. Persons implicated in it will be arrested and tried before the Magistrates, and, if necessary, committed to the Sessions. This disinclination to put in force the Moplah Outrages Act, in favour of the trial of offenders by the ordinary procedure is, we consider, a move in the right direction. There are persons possessing an intimate knowledge of Malabar who regard this antiquated Act as the chief cause of these riots, in that the fear of its summary administration and heavy penalties converts ordinary rowdyism into extraordinary fanaticism.

SEVERAL people have from time to time contemplated making the experiment of starting a sheep farm on the Uva patnas, Ceylon, but hitherto nothing has come of the suggestion. It has remained for Mr. E. Gordon Grinlinton, of Nuwara Eliya, to take up the matter seriously and he has secured from Government the lease of about 2,000 acres of fine grazing land below Hethersett Estate, Nuwara Eliya, on the Fort MacDonald side, and intends to give sheep farming there a really practical trial. He has already imported a large batch of sheep from Australia, and 203 of them are now grazing on the Nuwara Eliya racecourse preparatory to being put on the land he has leased from Government. This flock of sheep is, the *Times of Ceylon* understands, only his first consignment. Others are to follow until 1,000 head are located on the property. Mr. Grinlinton is very sanguine of the success of his experiment.

THE working of the Eastern Bengal State Railway during the half-year ended 31st December, 1895, the accounts of which have just been completed, exhibit very satisfactory results. The gross earning amounted to Rs. 82,07,751, the working expenses to Rs. 26,47,453, and the net earnings to Rs. 55,60,298, yielding a return of 5·17 per cent. on the capital expended. The noticeable feature in the account is the comparatively small percentage on gross earnings, viz., 32·26, at which the line has been worked during the half year, or very nearly 4 per cent. lower than that of the corresponding period of the preceding year. Considering the difficult and complicated system to work these results must be regarded as highly creditable to the management. These figures show conclusively what a line can do under State management. The working of railways owned by the State through private agencies has been frequently urged upon the attention of Government by the public in India and in England, upon the very flimsy ground that State lines can be worked more economically by private companies. The results just attained on the Eastern Bengal Railway, one of the most complicated lines in India, will come as a surprise to these illusionists.

THE Madras Government has sanctioned the proposal that the Engineers-in-Chief of railways under construction in this Presidency should be invested with power to appoint Revenue Inspectors, &c., without obtaining the previous sanction of Government in order to avoid delay in the acquisition of land for their lines.

IT is proposed instead of employing female ticket collectors on the South Indian Railway, to employ female attendants to travel in the women's compartments. The sanction of the Board of Directors to this measure has been asked for.

WE understand that Mr. R. H. Greaves, District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet and Sessions Judge of Cachar, who is the senior Civilian in Assam, excepting the Chief Commissioner, proposes to retire from the service some time next May. Mr. Greaves has been a very staunch friend of the missionaries throughout his service in India, and his benefactions to Missions and to the poor of all castes and creeds have always been more than liberal; his loss will be keenly felt by the Missions as well as by the poor.

A SPECIAL Army Order announces that a gratuity will be issued to the troops engaged in Ashanti. Every officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, and private employed in the expedition will be entitled to participate in the grant. The amounts range from about £60 to 30s.

THE total number of deaths registered in Calcutta during the week ending 28th March was 480, against 425 and 350 in the two preceding weeks, and lower than the corresponding week of last year by 90. There were 179 deaths from cholera, against 114 and 101 in the two preceding weeks; the number is higher than the average of the past quinquennium by 125. There were four deaths from small-pox during the week, against one in the previous week. There was one death from tetanus, against two in the previous week. The mortality from fevers and bowel-complaints amounted to 144 and 33 respectively, against 170 and 37 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 53·6 per mille per annum, against 37·1, the mean of the last five years.

IT is reported that the conditions of peace promised by Menelik were immediate evacuation of Adigrat, the withdrawal of the Italian forces to the frontiers according to the treaty of Uccialli, prohibition of the construction of fortifications in Erythrea, an engagement to reject any proposal of friendship or alliance beyond the frontier, the constitution of a buffer state under a chief acceptable to Menelik, and engagement by the latter to protect Erythrea from the dervishes.

THERE was a meeting in London the day the mail left to protest against the increased Naval Estimates. Mr. Gladstone wrote a letter, and said that his opinion on the subject was of the most decided character, but he had retired from public life and could offer no advice. Sir Wilfred Lawson presided, and advocated the education of the people concerning these great armaments, teaching them the folly of the whole thing. Resolutions against overwhelming armaments were adopted.

H. E. SIR ARTHUR HAVELOCK, when he takes his seat as President of the Legislative Council of Fort St. George for the first time on Wednesday next, will be greeted by a formidable array of interpellations no less than 59 questions, some sub-divided into four or five headings, figuring on the agenda paper. The interpellations are, broadly speaking, fair ones, but we think the Honourable Members might have put them in briefer form. The most noteworthy instance is the Hon'ble Mr. Vijayaraghava Chariar's questions about the transfer of the Headquarters of the Wynaad taluq from Manantoddy to Vayitri, a matter of great interest to a large number of people in the Wynaad, but which surely might have been put much more concisely. To judge from questions Nos. 29 and 30, it looks as if the Hon'ble Member has been incorrectly informed. Manantoddy is no more a sanitarium than Vayitri; the latter town is within 35 miles of the present West Coast terminus of the Madras Railway, while Manantoddy will only be within 50 miles of the railway when it reaches Tellicherry. The main points in the contention are contained in the twenty-seventh and thirty-first questions.

AMONG the distinguished British subjects whose remains have been removed to the new Protestant cemetery at Venice in prepetuity graves is Mr. George Payne Rainford James, who was British Consul-General there, and the author of "The History of Charlemagne," "The Memoirs of Great Commanders," "The History of the Life of Richard Cœur de Lion," "The Life of Henry IV. of France," and a multitude of novels, besides some poetical works. Our Consul had the remains exhumed and re-buried in a freehold, sunny piece of ground in the new cemetery, with the memorial stone, on which is the following: "His merits as a writer are known wherever the English language is, and as a man they rest on the hearts of many."

IN spite of all rumours that the Siberian Railway is to run down from Chita through Manchuria to Port Arthur, there is a strong body of well-informed opinion (writes a St. Petersburg correspondent) which says that poor despised Vladivostock itself combines all the strategic and commercial advantages for which Russia looks. This view found confirmation in the facts adduced by M. Nikenof at the last meeting of the Imperial Society for the encouragement of the Russian Mercantile Marine. Having first dismissed the pretensions of several havens in the neighbourhood of Vladivostock, —showing that one lacked fresh water, another was blocked with oysters, and so on—M. Nikonof sang the praises of Vladivostock's own harbour, the Bay of Zolotoy Rog, or Golden Horn. In the first place, the land surrounding this bay is well adapted for the necessary buildings, and there is a stream which might be made to supply the place with fresh water. The area of sea water available to big vessels is nearly two square miles, with a coast line of eight miles, owing to the irregularity of its conformation. The chief objection brought against the port is, of course, that it freezes from the end of November to the middle of March; but it is a mistake of fact to look upon this objection as a serious one. A single iceboat could keep the bay open to navigation, thanks to the N. E. and N. W. winds, which could carry the ice out to sea. The prevalence of fogs has also been greatly exaggerated, and that difficulty may be solved by instituting light-houses with fog-horns. As to the objection that the Russian squadron at Vladivostock might find itself shut in in the Sea of Japan, it would need a squadron twice as strong to bar the passage of the Corea Strait, inasmuch as that Strait consists of two waterways; besides, there is always an exit at the north end of the Sea of Japan.

A WRITER in the Indian *National Magazine*, in an account of the rise and progress of Native journalism, tells a story which shows how roughly the Bengali editor of bygone days was treated by his own countrymen. One Sreenath Roy edited a weekly paper called the *Rasaraj* and he was foolish enough to publish a letter charging Raja Raj Narain Roy of Andul in the Howarh District with having promoted the marriage of two Brahmins with low caste women. Further, aspersions were cast upon the Raja's mother who was alleged to have acted heartlessly towards him in the pursuit of her own pleasures. We read that "at 8 a.m. on January 13th, 1840, while the editor was getting into a hackney near College Square, he was seized, gagged, assaulted, stripped almost naked, taken to Pathuriaghatta and thence to Andul." The party of men who kidnapped him were durwans in the employ of the Raja and the unfortunate man was spirited away into the country, there apparently to be kept in close confinement. His friends obtained a writ of Habeas Corpus and Narain Roy had to appear before the High Court. The leading counsel of the day were engaged in the case and eventually the Raja was mulcted in a fine of Rs. 1,000. He was probably well content to pay this sum as he had vindicated his honour in the eyes of his friends. At the present time kidnapping of this kind would be followed by prompt action on the part of the police and something more than a fine would be inflicted upon the offender; but in 1840 the Press was not held in much esteem and the chastisement of a native editor was probably considered no very serious matter. The Bengali journalist of to-day usually devotes his attention to Government officers. He can, however, assail a Raja with impunity, for durwans and lathials can no longer be let loose upon him. One cannot help wondering what would occur if the British *Raj* in India passed away and native scribes had no longer "alien officials" to badger. Their days in the land would be numbered if they ventured then to attack those in authority.

IN view of what the Minister for War lately said regarding the revived popularity and the efficiency of the Volunteer force, and the War Office plans of re-arming it with the new rifles, some remarks made by Major-General Molyneux in his newly-published book on his South African and Egyptian service may be summarised here. The General has seen as much of the Volunteers as most regular soldiers. He speaks of "a Volunteer battalion at Aldershot from St. Martin's-le-Grand, of which the men were almost as soldier-like, and much more intelligent, than men of the line." A Bloomsbury battalion is spoken of in similar terms. A Manchester regiment, that went all the way to Aldershot for a week's drill with regular troops, "excelled the latter in physique, and fell not far short of them in manœvring." General Molyneux has served as a staff-officer at six Volunteer reviews. Taking them all in all, he is proud of the Volunteers. "For their reward," he adds, "they get at best but very meagre thanks, and too often ungenerous and spiteful criticism. In my humble opinion, the Volunteer decoration of 1892 was a gracious recognition thoroughly well deserved." Mr. Stanhope, in his late public speech at a gathering of the Westminster Volunteers, spoke in gratified terms of the numerous applications which the War Office was receiving for the formation of new batallions, and the enlargement of existing ones.

VARIOUS stories are being told about Beck, who was sentenced the other day for frauds on ladies. Some two years ago Beck, dressed in the height of fashion, was sauntering in the Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly, when he caught sight of a lady who was extremely well dressed, gazing into a milliner's window at some fashionable hats. He saw she was looking at a very pretty hat, and he remarked, as he sidled up to her, "What a pretty hat that is, would you like me to buy it for you?" "Certainly," replied the lady. "If you like." They both went into the shop, and the hat proved to be marked "two guineas." Beck drew his purse from his pocket and paid the money, and asked to be allowed to bring it to the lady's address. "Oh, no," she replied, "I will take it with me. There is my address, but I pray you will not call. I've a husband with a strong arm and a good horsewhip. Good-day, sir." The lady is a well known society leader, whose photographs are in nearly every window.

SOME foreigners who appeared before a judge in New Jersey the other day to be naturalised as American citizens did not seem to be quite up to date in their information. To the question, "Who is the President of the United States?" a Russian answered, "The Czar of Russia," and Atlantic City was his answer to the question, "What is the capital of the United States?" An Italian who has been in America for more than ten years declared that George Washington was the President of the United States, and that he made macaroni!

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 31st March.—

Read Government Resolution, Marine Department, No. 67, dated 24th March 1896, directing that a notification be issued with reference to section 3 (5) of the Indian Ports Act, 1889, authorizing Mr. Ismail Ahmed, a Master in Messrs. Shepherd and Company's service, to pilot vessels in the Port of Bombay.

Resolution.—Mr. Ismail Ahmed is appointed under section 72 of the Bombay Port Trust Act VI of 1879, to be a pilot of coasting steamers in the terms of the by-laws approved by Government for pilots of coasting steamers for the time being in force.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager, dated 25th February 1896, reporting that several applications have of late been received for accommodation for storage of goods in the shed (Port Trust Building No. 30) at the Mazagon Reclamation, but as it is within Customs limits, the Customs authorities object to any portion of it being let out on monthly tenancy, and suggesting that, with a view to get over the objection, the 10 compartments towards the west end of the shed be railed off by a wooden fence from the Customs limits, and the present fence to the north side of these compartments be removed. Read letter from the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, dated 11th March 1896, intimating that there is no objection to the Traffic Manager's proposal, provided the railings at the Powder-Works Bunder are so arranged as to throw out of the Customs limits that portion of the shed which is not used by merchants for storing dutiable goods. Read memorandum from the Engineer, dated 25th March 1896, estimating the cost of the alterations at Rs. 284.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

Read letter from the Under-Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated 25th March 1896, intimating that the total charges on account of the Dock and Harbour Police for the year 1896-97, are estimated at Rs. 60,700, and enquiring whether the Trustees are prepared to pay half the revised charges up to 31st March 1897.

Resolution.—It should be intimated that the Trustees are willing to meet half the amount of the Police charges for the year ending 31st March 1897. Government should at the same time be invited to furnish the Trustees with information showing how the amount estimated is made up.

Read Government Resolution, Marine Department, dated 24th March 1896, communicating the consent of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the Trustees raising a loan of 10½ lakhs to meet the cost of the works enumerated in their letter No. 717, dated 12th February 1896; intimating with reference to section 40 of the Act that the approval of the Government of India will be requested to the terms on which it is proposed to raise the loan; and approving of the Trustees' proposal to meet the entire cost of the Ballard Pier and the Bulk Oil Installation works on the Mody Bay South Reclamation from loan instead of from the fixed annual revenue surplus of 1895-96, as originally contemplated, on the understanding that the whole of the fixed annual surplus that will thus become available is applied to reduction of capital debt, provided no portion of it is needed for new works specially urgent, and for the execution of which savings are not available.

Resolution.—Recorded.

Read Government Resolution, Marine Department, No. 71, dated 25th March 1896, sanctioning the Trustees' Budget Estimate for 1896-97, and observing that from the fixed annual revenue surplus of 1 lakh, Rs. 2,000 have been set aside for expenditure on new works, leaving a balance of Rs. 78,000 and directing that this balance be applied in reduction of Capital debt, unless any portion of it is needed for new works specially urgent, and for the execution of which savings are not available.

Resolution.—Recorded.

Read again Trustees' Resolution dated 11th June 1895. Read letter from the Agent to Sirdar Dilar Jung, C.I.E., dated 24th March 1896, requesting that arrangement be made for the transfer to the Sirdar of Plot No. 5 on Apollo Reclamation measuring 2,292 square yards which he is prepared to lease on the terms mentioned in T. R. No. 188, dated 11th June 1895, for erection thereon of stables, servants' quarters and a laundry, and requesting that, pending the preparation of the lease, he may be permitted to occupy the land for the storage of the materials which are being removed from the Sirdar's mansions.

Resolution.—The application, dated 17th May 1895, may now be accepted—plot No. 5 measuring, with adjustments of boundaries arranged in communication with the Engineer, about 2,517 square yards, being substituted for plot No. 2 therein described, the rates of rent being as specified and in accordance with para 3 of Trustees' Resolution No. 188, dated 11th June 1895. The lease should be in the usual form of 30 years' lease, comprising the several conditions specified in the application.

Submitted letter from the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay, dated 26th March 1896, intimating that the deed of conveyance of the Port Trust land at Tank Bunder, sold to the Municipality for the purpose of a burial ground, has been executed, and requesting that early arrangements may be made for the formal transfer of the land to the Municipal Executive Engineer. Read letter from the Engineer, dated 31st March 1896, reporting that the ground in question was formally handed over to the Executive Engineer, Municipality, at 8 a.m., on the morning of the 31st instant.

Resolution.—Recorded.

The following were amongst the papers laid on the table:—

Letter from the Engineer, dated 23rd March 1896, reporting the completion of the wooden pier off the South Reclamation, Mody Bay.

Revenue collections for 1895-96, as compared with those of 1894-95:—

	Bunders.	Docks.	Port Dept.	Other Items.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
For March—					
From 1st to 28th March 1896	1,74,047	2,62,603	15,957	211	4,53,418
From 1st to 28th March 1895	1,54,485	2,00,639	15,503	195	3,70,822
	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.
Deficit in previous months	20,162	61,964	454	16	82,596
	Cr. 11,435	Cr. 3,619	Cr. 2,937	Cr. 3,652	Dr. 1,227
Total excess to 28th March 1896	Cr. 8,727	Cr. 58,563	Cr. 3,391	Cr. 3,668	Cr. 81,369

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 27th Mar. 1896.	Total from 1st April 1895 to 27th Mar. 1896.	For week ending 27th Mar. 1895.	Total from 1st April 1894 to 27th Mar. 1895.
Vessels piloted into harbour	19	994	25	993
,, out of harbour	15	998	14	990
,, transported	10	880	10	631
,, attended to	...	67	1	61
,, warped	4	84	...	82

LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

THE match for the Raniganj vases, very kindly presented to the Calcutta ladies' Club by Mr. Cairnst Deas, was finished on Thursday. One vase was given for the best scratch, and the other for the best handicap score. The following were the best scores handed in:—

	Sc.	Hcp.	Net.
Mrs Ker	42 39	scr	81
Mrs Hechle	42 45	6	81
Mrs McNiven	45 46	8	83
Mrs H C Begg	41 44	scr	85
Mrs Barlow	50 46	10	86
Mrs Simson	43 45	scr	88
Mrs Rowe	46 50	6	90
Mrs Bailey	47 47	scr	94
Miss Cruickshank	55 55	16	94
Mrs L King	47 49	scr	96

HIGH COURT.—APRIL 9.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.)

Suit for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Postponed Long Cause.

241-95—Craigie L and O—Thomas Alfred Bulkley and another vs P C H Snow and another—Crawford B and Co.—Part heard.

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THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE ALLEGED OUTRAGE IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE.

SEVERAL of the vernacular newspapers are dissatisfied with Mr. Webb's decision in the case in which a Parsee lady charged a European foreman carriage examiner with intrusion and attempt to outrage her modesty. The "Indian Spectator," however, takes a judicial view of the matter in these terms: "So far as the evidence goes, the Magistrate could hardly arrive at another decision. Nor could the Railway authorities be accused, under the circumstances, of having acted otherwise than fairly. And yet, we are not half so sure that the termination of the case satisfies the more intelligent portion of the public in Bombay, European or Native. To take the complainant first, it is impossible, for one thing, to see why she should trump up such a case against the accused whom she did not know, and against whom she had no conceivable ill will. The presence of a fellow-passenger, a European lady, in the carriage, was in itself destructive of the success of complainant's case, unless the latter had felt satisfied that her fellow-passenger would bear true witness or what she thought to be true witness. It argues sheer madness to file such a suit unless complainant and her friends knew they had a case. On the other hand, it is very unfortunate that a person in the position of the accused, a servant of the Railway Company, should have stepped into a carriage occupied by ladies, at such an hour of the night. To say that he did this because the light in his compartment was flickering, is no excuse. Was he afraid of the semi-darkness?—so very much afraid as to seek shelter in the compartment of the lady-passenger whom he tried to protect from the effects of a chill draught? Thus, then, although the Magistrate has gone through the case with commendable tact and temper, and come to a sound decision according to the evidence placed before him, we doubt if he weighed the probabilities, as humbler mortals do in the concerns of practical life. Perhaps that was, not his business." The "Kaiser-i-Hind" wishes the railway authorities to take some action in the matter, and states: "It may be that Mrs. Walton did not wish to ruin the career of the accused by bringing home the charge against him, but her evidence, if it is to be relied upon at all, would lead one to the conclusion that Gulbai for some reason or other, of which there was not a shred or shadow of evidence in the case, deliberately and most wickedly sought to bring a false charge against the accused for the mere pleasure of having him sent to jail. There cannot be the least doubt in the minds of those who have read the details of the case that the accused attempted to misbehave with the complainant, who, it is needless to say, acted throughout as any high-minded and honourable lady would have in a similar situation. He has escaped the clutches of the law by the mere skin of his teeth, and the public will now wait with some anxiety to see what steps the railway authorities take in the matter, since the magistrate, who has in a manner reprimanded the accused for his "violation of good taste" in entering the compartment, has given his decision analogous to the Scotch verdict of "not proven."

THE VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

With respect to the extended usefulness of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, the "Gujerati" observes: "The Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute has extended the scope of its usefulness by the establishment of a School for Sheet Metal Working and Enamelling, and in this connection Sir Dinshaw M. Petit has once more shown the generosity of his heart by contributing Rs. 10,000 to the memorial fund of forty-one thousand rupees, which had been raised in his honour and is now to be devoted towards the support of the School. How the proposed addition to the Institute is likely to be of very great use may be seen from the fact that whilst enamels that cost forced from Europe cost from one rupee to a rupee and a half, the same, if manufactured in India, would cost from As. 4 to 8 only. As desired by the worthy Baronet, the Board of Management wish to introduce into the new school electro-plating, nickel-plating, and copper-plating. From Mr. Cotton's speech it appears that the Institute is not so much in lack of funds as in need of students. This is somewhat an unusual complaint, and it is the more strange when it is remembered that at least 75 per cent of the young men who have passed through the full course are known to have obtained remunerative employment."

RECKLESS SPECULATION IN BOMBAY.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" makes an appeal to bankers and shroffs to check the reckless speculation at present raging in Bombay, and writes: "It is a pity that genuine transactions in cotton shares and Government paper should give place to reckless speculation and gambling, entailing disasters not only upon those who indulge in such transactions, but also upon "bona fide" bankers and tradesmen. Men of straw, who cannot boast of any money or substantial security, deal largely in cotton, which they never intend to purchase or sell for legitimate purposes, but which are only transactions of a speculative nature, pure and simple, and by manipulating the market endeavour to raise or depreciate the rates as best suit their purpose. Commercial morality is necessarily at a great discount, and everyone of these speculators who plunges into such transactions on the principle of "heads I win and tails you lose" tries to secure wealth at a stroke at the expense of others, the natural result being that each in his turn becomes sooner or later the victim of his own machinations. The law, of course, takes no cognizance of these transactions, and this is perhaps an additional reason for the speculators to enter recklessly into them. The only people who can keep such men and business in check are the bankers and shroffs, who should refuse to have any sort of dealings with them, or advance moneys on securities, unless they are of a most substantial character."

CURSES FOR "THE GRAND OLD MAN OF THE CORPORATION."

The "Independent" prophesies that curses rather than praise are in store for Dr. Blaney, whom our contemporary calls "the Grand Old Man of the Corporation." The story of the prophecy is thus told: "What has Dr. Blaney, as Chairman of the Municipality, to say for the most unenviable position in which that body is now placed by their very short sighted action? With eyes open, the worthy doctor who is becoming more inconsistent and obstinate the more he grows in years, has created such a predicament by that precipitate resolution that more of curse will be in store for him rather than praise from the citizens of Bombay, who a few short years ago while gratefully immortalising him in a marble effigy little knew that with his memory will remain indelibly clung a blot for sacrificing the city's best interests to satisfy, however unconsciously, the selfish interest of the landlord clique in the Corporation which heartily supported him to carry, in January last by a majority, the resolution of throwing the expense of completing house connexions in Bombay on the shoulder of the Municipality, to say for the most unenviable position in which that body is now placed by their very short sighted action? With eyes open, the worthy doctor who is becoming more inconsistent and obstinate the more he grows in years, has created such a predicament by that precipitate resolution that more of curse will be in store for him rather than praise from the citizens of Bombay, who a few short years ago while gratefully immortalising him in a marble effigy little knew that with his memory will remain indelibly clung a blot for sacrificing the city's best interests to satisfy, however unconsciously, the selfish interest of the landlord clique in the Corporation which heartily supported him to carry, in January last by a majority, the resolution of throwing the expense of completing house connexions round the neck of the Municipality, has simply dragged that body in a deep pit and blasted his own reputation in the bargain. For, no sooner the resolution championed by him with an energy and burnig zeal worthy of a better cause, was carried than it became quite apparent that very heavy responsibilities were incurred by it and that difficulties pecuniary as well as legal were staring in the face."

THE SIR D. M. PETIT GYMNASTIC INSTITUTION.

Regarding the practical appreciation of gymnastic exercises shown by Mr. Justice Budrudin Tyabji, who presided at the prize-distribution to the pupils of the Sir D. M. Petit Gymnastic Institution the other day, the "Indian Spectator" remarks: "Presiding at the annual prize distribution of that well-conducted institution, the Sir Dinshaw Petit Gymnastic Institute, Mr. Justice Budrudin Tyabji did well to express regret, which evidently came from his heart, that so few Mahomedans were members of it. There are 148 young men on the rolls of the Institute, out of whom 105 are Parsis, 35 Hindus, 5 Mahomedans, and 3 Christians. Here, again, as elsewhere, the Parsis are in the forefront, high up, quite out of proportion to their small community, and the Hindus and the Mahomedans, in a distant back-ground, showing that the advantages of physical education are still to be fully understood and realized by them. Mr. Justice Budrudin himself owned to knowing little of the admirable gymnastic evolutions which were exhibited before him, but he appreciated the benefits thereof fully, and affirmed forcibly the value of the oft-repeated truism that a sound mind cannot exit in an unsound body. The learned Judge showed his appreciation practically by promising to send his own son to the institute. Here is an example which should be followed by those who pose as leaders and really want something to be done for the cause they advocate."

COURT officials (says *Truth*) are remarkable for their intelligence. They are men of routine, whose duties are fulfilled mechanically, and let one small wheel in their administration get out of order and everything at once begins to go wrong. It has usually been cold weather when the first levee of the season has taken place, so it has been the custom to have immense fires in all the State apartments at St. James's Palace. Last week, the weather being quite warm, it might have occurred to the officials that it was unnecessary to heat the room as much as usual, especially as a very full levee was expected. However, no change was made in the arrangements, the result being that the atmosphere was simply stifling. the large room being of the temperature of the inner sanctuary of a Turkish bath. The Prince of Wales was manifestly suffering from the oppressive heat in the Throne Room, and Lord Limerick fainted while he was assisting Lord Lathom, who looked very much as if he were also about to collapse. The crowding and crushing were dreadful, and it may be hoped that the long contemplaied new regulations for the levee will shortly be announced.

THE COST OF THE ARMY.

MR. BRODRICK'S STATEMENT.

THE House went into Committee on the 18th ult. on the Army Estimates, Mr. J. W. Lowther in the Chair. On the vote for land forces,

Mr. Brodrick, in explaining the Estimates, said the total amount asked for was £18,056,000, a sum large indeed, since it is more than that for which we have hitherto obtained the finest Navy in the world, and which comes apparently within appreciable nearness of the expenditure of foreign Powers who maintain three or four times the number of troops that we do. (Hear, hear.) At an annual cost of £6,020,000 during peace we put into the field for home defence three complete army corps and four cavaly brigades, composed of 112,000 regulars and army reservists. This includes every species of expense attaching to these troops. The total amount for the three army corps averaged £2,200,000 each, the amount for men and officers together thus averaging under £59 per head. Our garrisons in the fortresses abroad, the Colonies, and in Egypt, amounting to 38,400 men, cost us annually £254,000. We shall have on mobilisation, in defensive positions at home and in garrisons, 333,000 men, costing £3,363,000, or on the average £11 per man for every expense. Behind these again we have 90,000 men, being the staff at the depots, men of under one year's service, and unallotted troops, costing £3,214,000. Our expenditure on warlike stores of all descriptions is £1,420,000; we spend £432,800 on fortifications, works, and buildings other than barracks. The War Office costs £317,000. It would be observed that the three army corps absorb about one-third of the total sum asked for, and even this was an excessive estimate, seeing that we have some 80,000 pensioners, while maintaining a reserve of 80,000 men, due entirely to short service. He maintained, even when we compared our Army system with Germany, that the English system was not extravagant. Two material facts to be borne in mind were that if this country required such an addition to its mobile force as would make it necessary to raise three more army corps, if means were desired to raise the men these army corps could be secured by an expenditure of little more than £6,000,000, and not £18,000,000, as had been constantly estimated by some critics. The second point was that on the three army corps which were kept up the price which the country had to pay for not adopting conscription was about £3,250,000. Looking to the expenditure for the future, he thought the country must look for economy to an extension of the system introduced in 1888 by Mr. Stanhope—namely, that the administration of Army finances should be in the hands of the heads of the Army, and that it should be extended to the military districts. The Commander-in-Chief was quite prepared that the whole financial work of the Army should be part of the duty of the general officers holding commands. It was certainly desirable to delegate as far as possible the responsibility for the spending of money in each district to the general officer commanding that district. (Hear, hear.) This would, he expected, be found especially satisfactory in regard to small expenses, which sometimes caused voluminous correspondence and a considerable amount of annoyance to officers. He might point out that this devolution of responsibility had enabled Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, on the one vote for transport, which was not a very large vote, to save last year a sum of £21,000. With regard to recruiting during the year, the Adjutant-General was quite satisfied, and the desertions from the Line and the Militia were the smallest known since the introduction of the short service system. There were only two unsatisfactory points—one was the Army Medical Staff and the second was in the officering of Volunteers. He had already explained the views of the Government with regard to the latter, and these, he thought, had been favourably received. The Army Medical Department was a more serious matter. At present it was seventeen officers short of its full establishment. The chief matters complained of by two deputations from Dublin, representing the views of the Army Medical Service in this matter, were, first, the social status of its members as compared with combatant officers, (2) the manner in which the entrance examinations were conducted and the examiners selected, (3) the increased strictness of the entrance examination, and (4) the prolongation of the curriculum of medical students to five years. There were also complaints as to the arrangements of tours of foreign service and the smallness of the opportunity offered in the Service for special study and original research. Lord Lansdowne was giving the subject his most anxious and careful consideration, but he was unable at present to give the conclusions which might be arrived at with regard to it. Turning to the question of material, £137,000 was taken in the Estimates, as against £98,000 last year, and that increased amount was further augmented by a supplementary estimate of £55,000. It was hoped in a few months to have the whole of the batteries completed for three army corps, and to have, between the Horse and Field Artillery, fifty-four reserve guns. In all there would be by the end of the summer eighty-one guns with their full equipment more than we had last year. The whole of the Militia was now armed with the magazine rifle, and there was besides a full reserve of arms for the line, the reserve, and the Militia. This being so, it was proposed to arm the Volunteers with the new rifle, and this work would be pushed on as quickly as possible, consistent with the ability of the Volunteers to use the rifle at the ranges and with the maintenance of the necessary reserve of arms. On the question of cordite and small-arm ammunition, he mentioned that the Inspector-General assured the Government that as the result of long experiments the keeping properties of cordite were perfectly satisfactory. It had given excellent shooting results, its keeping qualities in hot climates were satisfactory, and its ballistic properties had not been appreciably altered under high temperatures. By night shifts the Government had been enabled to turn of their own factories something like 2,000,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition per week, and he was glad to say that, whereas on Sept. 30 last we were deficient by 60,000,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition, 54,000,000 will have been made up by March 31, the deficiency being due to the private firms failing to fulfil the terms of their contracts. The sum included in the Estimates would enable them, not only to equip the whole of the forces during the present year, but to lay up a reserve of 25,000,000 rounds, by which he thought the Government would have redeemed their promises to the House. (Hear, hear.) Military authorities considered that the exercising of large bodies of troops was absolutely necessary to their efficient training, and for that pusposes the Committee would be asked to vote the sum of £150,000, which was less than 1 per cent. upon our whole military expenditure, to give our troops the manœuvring exercises which were enjoyed by those of every other nation. The reorganisation of the cavalry was now engaging serious attention, and it would be the endeavour of the authorities to provide ground upon which that arm of the service could manœuvre in force. (Hear, hear.) The question of rifle ranges had also occupied the attention of the War Office, and it had been resolved to establish in definite centres and localities ranges under the supervision of the general officer commanding, who should see that all the Regular, Militia, and Volunteer regiments in his district had the opportunity of practising. This was not intended in any way to relieve Volunteer regiments from obtaining ranges of their own wherever they could. As to mobilisation they had made arrangements by which every reservist could be fully clothed, armed, and equipped at his local depot, and they were also arranging for Volunteer transport. In conclusion he said that the Estimates were framed and their arrangements were made with a view to suiting the Army to the needs of the country, and not, as in Germany, the country to the needs of the Army. The progress that had been already made gave proof of the unremitting and arduous labour which Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley had bestowed upon their duties, though they had been but such a short time in office. (Ministerial cheers).

On the vote for £5,842,500, Army pay and allowances, Sir C. Dilke complained that for the immense sum we spent on the Army we did not get sufficient result. We did not get an Army that would be able to resist an invasion by a Continental army, supposing our fleet failed. We failed especially in cavalry and artillery, and it was to be hoped that under the new Commander-in-Chief there would be the adoption of many necessary reforms. He was informed that some of the wood products used in the manufacture of cordite were not made in England, which was a somewhat serious consideration.—Mr. Woodall asked if there was not a stock of acetone now in store sufficient to last for a considerable time?—Mr. Powell Williams said that was so, and there was a potentiality of producing any necessary quantity.—Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman said, when instituting a comparison between England and any Continental country where conscription prevailed there were certain considerations which should not be lost sight of. Conscription took away from the ordinary work of society, at the very best part of their lives, many of the most useful men. In this country—he said it without disrespect to either officers or men—both classes, but especially the men, were drawn from those who led idler or more leisurely lives than those who would be drawn from their pursuits by conscription. It would be difficult to assess in money the advantage

WRITERS AND READERS.

Messrs. Osgood, McIlvaine, and Co. will publish Miss Mary Anderson's (Madame de Navarro) book, A Few Memories of My Life. One of the earliest of the authoress's memories was of the strain and excitement caused by the Civil War in the Kentucky town, Louisville, where she was residing at the time with her maternal uncle. As Miss Anderson was born in 1859, some three years before the outbreak of the war, she must have a retentive memory. Her uncle was an accomplished German, who, in his youth, had proceeded from a German University (Heidelberg, we believe) to Rome. His ambition was to become a Franciscan monk. But he thought better of it, and he emigrated to the new world. Not to Louisville, but Sacramento, was Miss Anderson's birthplace. The octavo volume, which is beautifully printed and bound, contains several portraits of Miss Anderson. It may be said, with scarcely any exaggeration, that everybody in English society who is somebody—and, in the intellectual sphere, from Gladstone and Tennyson downwards—figures more or less fully in this book.

Mr. Lecky's new book, Democracy and Liberty, announced some time since by Messrs. Longmans and Co., will be published shortly. Among its most interesting contents will be the comparative examination of French and American institutions, and the chapters dealing with the relations between the modern democratic movement and Catholicism. Of this last subject, only the vaguest notions exist in Protestant England. Mr. Lecky has long been a close observer of the interaction between Catholicism and Democracy on the Continent and in the United States. It will be found that in the States Catholicism is as characteristically American as it was characteristically National in the England of the pre-Reformation age. An American Catholic believes in the President first and the Pope next. The mediæval Englishman was always a respectable Catholic, but a Papist never. The most interesting part of this subject in the present day is the French development. A question of more personal interest to the British public is the Irish land problem, upon which Mr. Lecky has written several chapters. An Irish landlord himself, Mr. Lecky has some things to say on "confiscation," to which the public on either side of St. George's Channel will give their respectful attention. Among the other important problems with which the new Member for Dublin University deals are the "causes" of the "debility" of the Irish reditary element in the House of Lords, the "moral" causes of labour troubles, the marriage laws, and the Italian democratic question.

Messrs. Bentley and Sons have published a handsome new edition, in one volume, of the late Charles Whitehead's novel, Richard Savage, with the eighteen etchings on steel by John Leech, originally published with his Romance of Real Life in Bentley's Miscellany some half century ago. The romance is founded on Dr. Johnson's narrative of the life of Savage and his alleged ill-treatment by his supposed mother, the Countess of Macclesfield, and the reprint includes an introduction in which Whitehead replies to critics who had ventured to question the truth of Savage's extraordinary story. Much new matter, however, tending to show that Savage had imposed upon his friend Johnson, and clearly proving his charges to be false in many important particulars, have been brought to light since then, and if the question of authenticity was to be reopened it would have been well to take some notice of these facts.

Apropos of Leech's illustrations, Mr. Orrinsmith, son of the noted engraver, has written a new preface to the new edition of Richard Savage, which furnishes some interesting particulars of Mr. Punch's famous draughtsman. It was the elder Orrinsmith who introduced Leech to the editor of "Bell's Life in London," where appeared from his pencil somewhere in the latter days of the Sailor King a remarkable series of comic and satirical sketches that became known as the Gallery of Comicalities. Though collected at that time, and republished in the form of broadsheets, they are now very rarely to be met with, and are almost entirely forgotten. Yet these early efforts clearly foreshadow the "Punch" pictures, and they are full of characteristic touches. Why does not some enterprising publisher disinter them from the files of the old sporting newspaper? They are easily distinguishable by their style from other pictures of the series by Robert Cruikshank, Alfred Crowquill, and Seymour.

Leech, then a very young man, resided in the house of the elder Orrinsmith, in Judd-street, for eighteen months, while studying the etcher's art, and Mr. Orrinsmith the younger, though then but a boy, has a vivid remembrance of him, and testifies to "the charm of his character and temper, his thoroughly genial nature, and his gentle manliness." It is apropos of this period that Mr. Orrinsmith relates a curious story of love at first sight. He describes it as "the one romantic episode in John Leech's life," and assures that its accuracy may be relied on as he received it from his father's lips. The engraver was walking with his friend and guest one day through Hunter-street, Brunswick-square, when at a parlour window there suddenly appeared the face of a young lady. It was a beautiful face and it at once attracted Leech's attention. "He seemed to be immediately overcome by a most lively emotion—evidently love at first sight. His admiration was unbounded, his talk was of nothing else; and he ended by avowing his determination, should that prove to be possible, to marry the owner of the face." The young artist, adds Mr. Orrinsmith, "left no stone unturned to obtain an introduction to the family. Once introduced, his handsome face, winning manner, and his then rapidly-growing fame, made the way easy, and he very shortly afterwards married the lady of his sudden choice."

British artists who wish to make copies from works in the Venetian galleries and museums may like to know the regulations issued by the Director of Royal Galleries: Art. 9, letter A, of the regulations with respect to the entrance to the Royal Galleries and Museums, prescribes that free entrance shall be granted to foreign artists when they have a certificate from a foreign Institution of Fine Arts resident in Italy, or failing this, a certificate from their own Consuls. Artists are, however, only those who exercise the profession of artists (painters, sculptors, and architects) and are acknowledged as such in their own country. Simple amateurs who draw for pleasure are excluded. Archæologists belonging to institutes not resident in Italy, foreign art critics, distinguished persons, etc., can only obtain the permits to visit and study in local museums and art galleries from the Ministry in Rome, through the diplomatic channel. The "tessera d'esenzione," or free ticket, is only valid for one institute. The applicants should make separate petitions on a sheet of 60c. stamped paper, and obtain a Consular certificate for each institute they wish to visit.

Marie Corelli's new book, The Mighty Atom, will be published by Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. The same publishers will bring out the same authoress's Cameos, a volume of short stories in May. They are also making arrangements for the issue of their five guinea Book of Beauty, which contains a large number of portraits of women of the later Victorian period. Many of the portraits are to be in photogravure, most of them by leading artists. The volume will also contain autograph signatures, musical compositions, and other contributions.

Messrs. A. and C. Black are making good progress with their new edition of the Waverley Novels. Six volumes have been published. There are to be twenty-five in all. The Heart of Midlothian, The Bride of Lammermoor, and Ivanhoe will be published respectively this month, May and June. The edition will be complete with the publication of The Surgeon's Daughter and Castle Dangerous in October, 1897.

The first work ever written by a South African native, so far as can be ascertained, has just been published. The author is a Basuto known as Azariel Lesse, who is said to be a man of remarkable intelligence and of a culture unusual in the race from which he has sprung. His volume consists of 250 octavo pages, and treats of his tribal traditions. It is written in the Sesuto language, and comprises numerous proverbs and tales, the latter being couched in alternate verse and prose.

At the request of the committee charged with the erection of a monument to Edward Capern, the Postman Poet, the Poet Laureate has written the following lines to be inscribed on a slab of gray Dartmoor granite:

"O lark-like Poet I carol on,
Lost in dim light, an unseen trill!
We, in the Heaven where you are gone,
Find you no more, but hear you still."

A Companion to the Newspapers is the sub-title of a shilling volume (about the size of Whitaker's Almanack) which Messrs. Sonnenschein and Co. were to bring out at the end of last month. As its head title, Pros and Cons, indicates, the volume places before its readers the different party views on questions (especially "social," as distinguished from strictly political) of the day. Considering that the newspaper is a continuous encyclopædia of the world's history, renewed every twenty-four hours, and that its producers must assume a certain amount of knowledge on the part of its readers, the value of a really good guide is obvious. It is surprising that no special work of this kind has been compiled before. Messrs. Sonnenschein's Companion, which has been compiled by Mr. J. Bertram Askew, assisted by a number of eminent specialists, will contain about three hundred closely-printed pages, with about the same number of articles. The arguments for and against each question are put into the fewest possible words. The inclusion of such topics as fashion in dress, commercial gambling, the moral of gambling, the one-volume novel, the controversy between authors and publishers, Sunday opening of museums, the rights of animals, the referendum, women's university degrees, and the sea serpent even, shows that the book is meant to be up to date. The Companion is to be an annual. The first issue of it will be one of twenty-five thousand copies.

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